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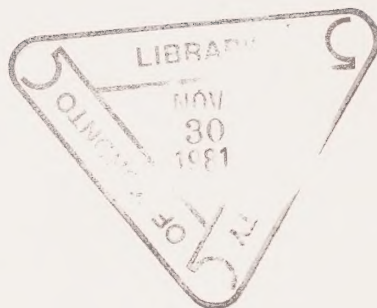
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PREFACE

The purpose of this report is to provide a concise description of Canadian research and demonstration projects relating to child abuse and neglect. In recent years many such projects have been undertaken throughout Canada and there is a need to assemble the information in order to inform policy makers, practitioners and researchers, thereby providing access to existing data and avoiding duplication of effort.

In preparing this inventory, the Tree Foundation of Canada attempted to contact all relevant organizations, researchers, and government departments in Canada. While the survey was exhaustive, some projects may inadvertently have been omitted from the inventory. The Department of Health and Welfare Canada is interested in updating the inventory. It would, therefore, be appreciated if readers would advise of any omissions or new projects by writing to:

Social Service Development
and Grants Directorate
Social Service Programs Branch
Health and Welfare Canada
Brooke Claxton Building
Tunney's Pasture
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 1B5

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Title: Atelier sur "la violence et la Santé Mentale".

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

The Quebec Association for Mental Health prepared and ran a four-day workshop in French on violence and mental health, during the 21st Congress of the World Federation for Mental Health, held in Vancouver.

Sponsoring Organization: World Federation for Mental Health

Duration: August 20-26, 1977.

Financing: The workshop assisted by funds from Health and Welfare Canada.

Report: "Today's Priorities in Mental Health: Knowing and Doing", edited by Morton Beiser, Robert Drell, Tsung-Yi Lin and Milton H. Miller.

Further Correspondence to: Mrs. Helene Saint-Hilaire,
Executive Director,
Quebec Association for Mental
Health,
550 Sherbrooke West,
Suite 410,
MONTREAL, Quebec.

Title: Beaten Women, Battered Children

Status: Completed

Project Description:

In an effort to discover how many children in Canada were being abused within the womb as a result of wife beating, federal, provincial and municipal agencies across Canada were contacted to establish the recorded incidences of wife beating. From these figures, it was hoped that it would be possible to track down leads as to how many of the abused wives were pregnant during the time of the assault or assaults. The results of these efforts did not provide the information sought. What was established, however, was the fact that wife beating in Canada was not recorded statistically by municipal, provincial or federal agencies.

In addition, contact was made with American and British colleagues working in the area of wife beating research, and personal interviews were conducted.

Sponsoring Organization: The Tree Foundation of Canada

Duration: September 1975 to January 1976.

Financing: Tree Foundation of Canada.

Report: "Beaten Women, Battered Children", published in 1976 in Children Today.

Further Correspondence to: M. Van Stolk, President,
Tree Foundation of Canada,
3508 Durocher,
MONTREAL, Quebec.
H2X 2E5

Title: Disciplinary Measures in Education.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

In 1975, a study was undertaken to determine the position of Canadian teachers' associations and educational councils regarding disciplinary measures (specifically the use of the strap) within their educational jurisdictions.

Sponsoring Organization: The Tree Foundation of Canada.

Duration: October 1975 to February 1976.

Financing: Tree Foundation of Canada.

Further Correspondence to: M. Van Stolk, President,
Tree Foundation of Canada,
3508 Durocher,
MONTREAL, Quebec.
H2X 2E5

Title: International Child Protection Legislation and Agencies.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

In 1974, contact was made with governments throughout the world, including England, India, Australia, China, Israel, Holland, France, Germany, and Scandinavia, regarding their child protection legislation and agencies.

Sponsoring Organization: The Tree Foundation of Canada.

Duration: October 1974 to April 1975.

Financing: The Tree Foundation of Canada.

Further Correspondence to: M. Van Stolk, President,
Tree Foundation of Canada,
3508 Durocher,
MONTREAL, Quebec.
H2X 2E5

Title: Child Abuse Bibliography; and A Bibliography:
Television Violence and its Effect on the Family.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

In 1973, a brief child abuse bibliography was researched and distributed to Canadian libraries, institutions, interested professionals and lay personnel.

In 1974, an extensive bibliography was compiled on child abuse and distributed to over 350 public, government, private and university libraries across Canada. In addition, another bibliography on television violence and its effect on the family was compiled and sent to the 350 libraries.

In 1975, an Addenda to both bibliographies was completed and distributed to over 400 public, private, government and university libraries across Canada.

Sponsoring Organization: The Tree Foundation of Canada.

Duration: 1973, 1974, 1975.

Financing: Tree Foundation of Canada.

Reports;

Bibliographies: Child Abuse Bibliography and Addenda;
A Bibliography: Television Violence and its
Effect on the Family, and
Addenda.

Further Correspondence to: M. Van Stolk, President,
Tree Foundation of Canada,
3508 Durocher,
MONTREAL, Quebec.
H2X 2E5

Title: Research of Canadian University Schools of Law,
Medicine and Social Work.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

In 1970, 1973 and 1978 letters were sent to all Canadian Schools of Social Work, Medical Schools, and Law Schools to determine how much class time was devoted to the study of child abuse, and what textbooks and material was being used to deal with the question of battered children. This was followed with the distribution of information and material to these institutions.

Sponsoring Organization: The Tree Foundation of Canada.

Duration: 1970, 1973 and 1978.

Financing: Tree Foundation of Canada.

Further Correspondence to: M. Van Stolk, President,
Tree Foundation of Canada,
3508 Durocher,
MONTREAL, Quebec.
H2X 2E5

Title: Compilation of Provincial Statistics and
 Information.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

Commencing in 1970, and continuing on a yearly basis, an annual update of all provincial statistics available on the incidence of battered and neglected children has been maintained.

In addition, data on Canadian provincial legislation regarding Child Welfare Acts and child abuse is maintained, as well as updating provincial information regarding policy and programs.

Sponsoring Organization: The Tree Foundation of Canada.

Duration: 1970 - ongoing.

Financing: Tree Foundation of Canada.

Further Correspondence to: M. Van Stolk, President,
Tree Foundation of Canada,
3508 Durocher,
MONTREAL, Quebec.
H2X 2E5

Title: Research, Review and Recommendations Concerning
Child Abuse Audio-Visual Materials.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

In 1976, all the available audio-visual material on child abuse in North America was previewed and assessed. Initially reviewed and assessed were thirty-six films, thirteen videos and eleven filmstrips and sound cassette tape recordings. From this material, nineteen films, six videos and ten filmstrips were selected for final review and assessment by interdisciplinary colleagues in Ottawa and Montreal. The project attempted to determine which were the best existing materials and if there was need for specifically Canadian audio-visual material on child abuse.

In addition, research on child abuse was conducted across Canada to determine provincial policy and programs; data on the various provincial Child Protection Acts; resources available for the parents and children, and the use of and need for audio-visual materials on child abuse.

The intent of this research and review was to make available to professionals and the community existing audio-visual material helpful to the understanding, detection, management, treatment and prevention of child abuse. As a result, a series of six films on child abuse were chosen in 1977 as representing the best in the field and placed in all National Film Board libraries across Canada. In addition, over one hundred copies of thirteen filmstrips were purchased and made available to Canadian educational institutions, hospitals, agencies, organizations and associations.

Sponsoring Organization: The Tree Foundation of Canada.

Duration: Winter 1974-75 initiated by the Tree Foundation of Canada December 7th, 1975 to December 30th, 1976 in affiliation with Challenge for Change, National Film Board of Canada.

Financing: Challenge for Change, National Film Board of Canada; Health and Welfare Canada; The Tree Foundation of Canada.

Report: "Research, Review and Recommendations Concerning
Child Abuse Audio-Visual Materials. Final
Report".

Further Correspondence to: M. Van Stolk, President,
Tree Foundation of Canada,
3508 Durocher,
MONTREAL, Quebec.
H2X 2E5

Title: Conference on Mental Health and the Legal Rights of Children.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

This conference on Mental Health and the Legal Rights of Children brought together about 150 specialists from various disciplines, including law, psychiatry, psychology, social work, sociology, criminology, nursing, education, and from various fields of work, governments, universities, correction, probation, rehabilitation services, social agencies, hospitals, police, youth, parents, etc., in a three-day study of guidelines for policy formulation with respect to the rights of children.

The objectives of the conference were: to better inform public on the legal rights of children; to stimulate professionals from all disciplines in reviewing policies and programs within their own services, and to encourage governments in studying new legislation.

Sponsoring Organizations: The Canadian Mental Health Association, in co-operation with The World Federation for Mental Health, and The Caribbean Federation for Mental Health.

Duration: April 15-17, 1973.

Report: The Legal Rights of Children.

Further Correspondence to: Mrs. Helene Saint-Hilaire,
Executive Director,
Quebec Association for Mental Health,
550 Sherbrooke West,
Suite 410,
MONTREAL, Quebec.

Title: 10th Congress of The International Association of Youth Magistrates.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

The theme of this Congress was "The Magistrate in the Face of Environmental Pressures on Youth and the Family". Congress topics included: the family unit; education and employment; preventive and remedial measures; and the sanction of the law. Workshops were held on the battered child, and the adversary system and the lawyer's role. A symposium on the orientation and future of the juvenile courts was also held.

Sponsoring Organization: The International Association of Youth Magistrates.

Duration: July 17-22, 1978.

Financing: Including: The federal government of Canada, Departments of Justice, Solicitor General, and Health and Welfare Canada;

The government of Quebec, Justice Department, The City of Montreal.

Report: Available end of 1979.

Further Correspondence to: Judge Marcel Trahan,
Juvenile Court,
410 Bellechasse,
No. 222,
MONTREAL, Quebec.
H2S 1X3

Title: Domestic Violence Between Mates: Background Features and Selected Emerging Dimensions (Conference).

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

This Conference had four goals with respect to domestic violence between couples in conflict:

1. development of social service policy;
2. educating the general public and wide professional groups about domestic violence;
3. extending the professional ability to deal with domestic violence; and
4. communication through conference proceedings.

A grant was received from Health and Welfare Canada to assist the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education with the publication of the Conference proceedings.

Sponsoring Organization: The Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Department of Measurement, Evaluation and Computer Applications; Ontario Status of Women Council; Women in Transition (Toronto).

Duration: Conference: March 11-12, 1977.

Financing: Conference: Social Service Programs Branch, Health and Welfare Canada.

Further Correspondence to: Professor Vincent D'Oyley,
The Ontario Institute for
Studies in Education,
252 Bloor Street West,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Title: "Admittance Restricted".

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

In 1975, the Canadian Council on Children and Youth embarked on an ambitious project entitled "The Child as a Citizen". A task force, composed of individuals from across Canada who are practising professionals in a variety of fields central to child development, focussed their concern on the place of children in Canadian society. The resultant report discusses the needs of children in relation to Canadian law and social practice, and argues for the recognition of children as persons in their own right.

Sponsoring Organization: Canadian Council on Children and Youth.

Financing: Funding for this publication provided by:
Human Rights Division, Department of the
Secretary of State, Donner Canadian Foundation.

Report: "Admittance Restricted: The Child as a Citizen in Canada" Canadian Council on Children and Youth; Task Force on the Child as a Citizen, 1978.

Title: Child Abuse and Neglect: Report to the House of Commons.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

The committee took evidence from the witnesses in the course of eight sittings and received briefs and letters from other organizations and individuals. Discussed were:

- federal and provincial responsibility with respect to children:
 - a) general;
 - b) jurisdiction with respect to neglected and abused children.
- findings.
- committee comments on major issues:
 - a) mandatory reporting;
 - b) central registeries;
 - c) an amendment to the Criminal Code making cruelty to children a criminal offence;
 - d) deletion of section 43 from the Criminal Code;
 - e) preventive services.
- recommendations.

Report: "Child Abuse and Neglect: Report to the House of Commons". Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs. First Session Thirtieth Parliament, 1974-75-76.

Title: Child Abuse Study.

Status: In Progress.

Project Description:

The study will analyse Canadian child protection legislation and describe how child abuse cases are currently being dealt with by various authorities and agencies with a view to recommending improvements where indicated. The research includes obtaining available statistical information relevant to child abuse, observing court protection hearings, obtaining information on child abuse deaths, analysing and comparing key provisions of child protection statutes, and reviewing a number of reported and unreported judicial decisions.

Sponsoring Organization: Social Services Division,
Social Services Programs Branch,
Health and Welfare Canada,
Terry Hunsley, Director.

Report: To be issued, spring of 1981.

Further Correspondence to: Corinne Robertshaw,
Head, Child Abuse Study,
Health and Welfare Canada,
900, Brooke Claxton Building,
Tunney's Pasture,
OTTAWA, Ontario.
K1A 1B5
Telephone No. (613) 995-1050.

Title: Second World Conference of the International
Society on Family Law.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

The theme of this Conference was "Violence in the Family". Interdisciplinary problems faced in family law, child abuse, sexual abuse of children and violence involving spouses were examined. This conference involved world specialists in family law, criminal law, medicine, social work, law enforcement, psychiatry, sociology and psychology.

Sponsoring Ogranization: The International Society on Family
Law.

Duration: June 13-17, 1977.

Financing: Government of Canada, Government of Quebec,
Canada Council, McGill University.

Report: "Family Violence: An International and Inter-
disciplinary Study", by John M. Eekelaar and
Sanford N. Katz.

Further Correspondence to: Professor H.R. Hahlo, President,
International Society on Family
Law,
Faculty of Law,
University of Toronto,
84 Queen's Park,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M5S 1A1

Title: Social Policy Conference on "Children and the State".

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

In April 1978, the School of Social Work at Carleton University sponsored a Social Policy Conference on the theme "Children and the State". The nature of policies and programs in Canada which have an impact on children were examined. Questions were explored both at the level of general organization and financing of social services, a large percentage of which are directed towards children and families, and specific areas such as child abuse and neglect, the juvenile offender and day care.

Sponsoring Organization: School of Social Work, Carleton University.

Duration: April 1978.

Financing: Manuscript and videotape: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare Canada.

Further Correspondence to: School of Social Work,
Carleton University,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Title: Psychiatric, Psychological, Social and Legal
 Aspects of Child Murderers, including Infant-
 icides.

Status: Several studies ongoing.

Project Description:

Parents or caretakers of emotionally, physically and sexually abused children referred from the Family or Adult Court System and charged under the Criminal Code of Canada, undergo a multiplicity of psychiatric, psychological, social and legal examinations with a view to ascertaining important variables associated with child abuse. The effects of medical and legal intervention as well as treatment aspects are studied. Individuals are compared with violent offenders who have not abused children.

Sponsoring Organization: Department of Forensic Psychiatry,
 School of Medicine, Faculty of
 Health Sciences, University of
 Ottawa.

Duration: August 1975 - ongoing.

Reports:

- The Battered Child Syndrome, Selwyn M. Smith,
 Butterworth's 1975;
- The Maltreatment of Children, edited by
 Selwyn M. Smith, University Park Press, Baltimore,
 December, 1978;
- "Murder, Including Infanticides Seen in a Forensic
 Clinic Over Two and a Half Years", Bulletin of
 American Academy of Psychiatry and Law,
 Selwyn M. Smith and Domingo Pagan, in press.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. Selwyn M. Smith,
Psychiatrist-in-chief, and
Director of Forensic
Psychiatry,
Royal Ottawa Hospital,
1145 Carling Avenue,
OTTAWA, Ontario.
K1Z 7K4

Title: Child and the Law.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

Thesis presented to the Faculty of Law examining the two main areas relating to the child and the law:

1. The Contractual Liabilities for Infants: delineates what constitutes enforceable, voidable, and void contracts, infant liability, parental liability and proposals for necessary changes.
2. Children in Conflict with the Law: delineates the principles of the legal system which affect juveniles in conflict with the law. This section studies criminal responsibility and common juvenile offences.

Statutes relating to the child and the law are cited throughout this thesis.

Sponsoring Organization: Thesis, University of Windsor.

Duration: 1978.

Financing: University of Windsor.

Report: Child and the Law 1978, by Charles Wrock 113 pp.

Further Correspondence to: Charles Wrock,
7 Kings Inn Trail,
THORNHILL, Ontario.
L3T 1T6

Title: Foster Care and Adoption in Canada.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

The purpose of this project was to bring together for the first time Canadian child welfare statistics for the past two decades and to provide a current and historical perspective on child welfare services in Canada. The report analyses from 1959 onwards statistics on protection services, services to unmarried mothers, children in care, and adoptions. Major trends in the data are discussed against the backdrop of the social and demographic developments during that period. The report examines current policies and practices with respect to foster care and adoption and identifies major issues requiring further investigation.

Duration: 1976-1978.

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare Canada.

Report: Foster Care and Adoption in Canada by H. Philip Hepworth.

Available: 1979.

Further Correspondence to: Publications Section,
Canadian Council on Social
Development,
55 Parkdale Avenue,
Box 3505, Station "C",
OTTAWA, Ontario.
K1Y 4G1

Title: Services for Abused and Battered Children.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

This report is one volume of a ten-part review of personal social services in Canada. An overview of the legal provisions and the responsibilities of the provincial governments and voluntary agencies respectively is presented. This is followed by a brief description of the services in each province for abused children and their families. Statistics on child abuse are presented where these were available, and the major findings of some provincial studies of child abuse are also included. The author presents two examples of action taken at the community level in response to the problem of child abuse (Calgary and North York, Toronto), and the child abuse service network in the Regional Municipality of Ottawa/Carleton is described in some detail. The report concludes with numerous draft recommendations in each of the following areas: integration and coordination of services, detection and reporting, education, and personnel.

Sponsoring Organization: Canadian Council on Social Development.

Duration: 1973-1975.

Financing: Canadian Council on Social Development.

Report: Services for Abused and Battered Children.
Personal Social Services in Canada. A Review,
Vol. 3 by H. Philip Hepworth, 1975. 90 pages.

FurtherCorrespondence to: Publications Section,
Canadian Council on Social
Development,
55 Parkdale Avenue,
Box 3505, Station "C",
OTTAWA, Ontario.
K1Y 4G1

Title: "The Child in His Community".

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

A resource book designed to enable Boys and Girls Clubs across Canada and other concerned people to play a more effective advocacy role on behalf of all children. The material in the book is meant to be "food for thought", and a starting point for the reader to develop his or her own perspective on the issues therein.

The study is designed to provide background information relating to children's issues as they exist in each province and throughout Canada. We have focussed on six major topics and how they affect children: social and economic forces, health, the law, daycare, media and housing and recreation. In addition to the description of the current situation and analysis of future trends, the book also includes a list of possible resource people and suggestions for future reading. Also included is a series of recommendations of both a general and specific nature for each topic.

Sponsoring Organization: The Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada.

Duration: The book was completed during the summer of 1978.

Financing: Student Community Service Project; Secretary of State.

Report: Resource Book - "The Child in His Community".

Further Correspondence to: Director, Central & Youth
Resources Department,
Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada,
620 Wilson Avenue West,
DOWNSVIEW, Ontario.
M3K 1Z3

Title: "The Child... Everybody's Responsibility".

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

This project was designed to create an awareness of the scope and extent of Child Abuse throughout Canada and to ensure that professionals and lay people in every community realized their role and responsibility in eradicating the problem. The project began with a Study Committee which prepared the content and layout of a brochure which has enjoyed wide distribution across Canada to federal, provincial and municipal government departments, agencies and organizations, as well as to individual citizens through some 1800 Home and School Associations from coast to coast. Some 200 000 brochures have been distributed. Distribution of the brochure was launched by a Child Abuse Conference in January 1979. The brochure asks a series of questions such as: What is it? Who are the Victims? Should it Happen Here? Who Would Abuse a Child? Why? What can Communities do? What can Schools do? What Can I do? It is hoped that this awareness program will lead to thoughtful and responsible action on the local scene by legislative bodies at all levels, by the appropriate professionals and by concerned laymen who see the future strength of Canada in the healthy development of its children.

Sponsoring Organization: The Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation.

Duration: Undetermined.

Financing: Health and Welfare Canada. (Publication Costs and Conference).

Report: Brochure - "The Child... Everybody's Responsibility".

Further Correspondence to: The Canadian Home and School and
Parent-Teacher Federation,
240 Eglinton Avenue East,
Suite 204,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M4P 1K8
(416) 487-9939

Title: Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Child Abuse
Projects and Research.

Status: Ongoing (re: specified programs).

Project Description:

With reference to research projects in Canada dealing with child abuse, the Crime Prevention Centre, Headquarters Division, contacted all provinces in order to determine if this problem was being researched within Royal Canadian Mounted Police circles, or if they were participating with other government agencies in either research or innovation programs.

Research of this nature is seldom conducted by police agencies. However, some programs have been identified and are listed below. Replies were received from every province, and where a province is not specifically identified it is because a negative reply was received.

British Columbia

Through the British Columbia Police Commission Crime Prevention Committee, special funding has been requested for a slide-tape program on emergency services and crisis intervention. It will outline the laws involved and the legal rights of the individual in cases of intervention. The second portion illustrates the legal procedures a battered woman follows once she has decided to press charges. (Note: Further information on this project in British Columbia material; project titled: "Task Force on Family Violence").

The British Columbia Police Commission is also funding a child abuse educational film in book form designed to be a guideline and educational tool for teachers, police and social workers to assist in identifying victims of child abuse and incest. (Note: Further information on this project in British Columbia material; project titled: "Laser Educational Media Society").

In British Columbia the police follow guidelines from the Ministry of Human Resources.

Alberta

There is no particular research or program aimed at child abuse. However, RCMP members do liaise with the Child Protection Registry which is part of the Social Services and Community Health for Alberta. Generally, there is encouragement for RCMP members to assist in making the general public aware of and to report neglect and abuse.

Saskatchewan

At the RCMP Recruit Training Centre in Regina, one academic period of fifty minutes is devoted to the topic of child abuse. This is part of an eighteen-period block of instructions entitled Police Intervention, which deals with police intervention in a multitude of conflict and crisis situations. During the period on child abuse the following points are covered: what is child abuse; what is a battered child; who are child abusers; can physical abuse be easily recognized; how widespread is the problem; and responsibilities of the peace officer in child abuse situations. Also during the Police Intervention Course, four hours are devoted to role simulation of conflict situations in which the student has to intervene. One out of many scenarios which are used is the depiction of a child abuse situation where there has been a report from a concerned citizen about the possibility of child abuse.

Manitoba

Manitoba has an ongoing program to develop a multi-disciplinary team to combat the problem of child abuse. Assigned police personnel participate as part of the child abuse team.

Title: Child Abuse - Manitoba.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

All aspects of Child Abuse ranging from unseen mental cruelty up to and including crimes of violence.

To provide staff with special training and experience through sharing of information with all agencies which include Child Welfare, Children's Aid Societies, teachers, doctors, nurses, policemen, social workers and all connected in any way with Child Abuse.

Members meet with multi-agencies and discuss best method of dealing with individual cases which fall within the Criminal Code, Juvenile Delinquents Act and Provincial Child Welfare Act. All investigation and discussion conducted in strict confidence. Co-operation with all agencies is stressed.

Further Correspondence to: (re: child Abuse - Manitoba)
Commanding Officer,
"D" Division,
R.C.M. Police,
Box 5650,
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.
R3C 3K2

Title: Training Police Trainers and Educators in Crisis and Conflict Intervention Skills. Canadian Police College, Ottawa.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

Peace officers require specialized instruction in intervening in crisis and conflict situations. As a significant area of concern, the management of domestic violence is studied with a view to preparing the peace officer to intervene, defuse, and refer, when necessary, individuals involved in family disputes to the appropriate helping agency. In order to ensure that such instruction is of a high quality, a specialized program for police trainers and educators is being developed.

Moving from a needs analysis to a review of the literature and an investigation of the state of the art in this form of training and education, a representative group from the various police training establishments across Canada formed a working curriculum committee which undertook to deliberate upon the design and development of the program described above. Using the proceedings of this committee's work as a foundation, an intensive instructional program will be designed, developed and offered to practising police educators in Canada beginning in June of 1979 and occurring periodically thereafter.

A series of educational modules that deal specifically with intervention skills necessary for helping in crisis and conflict situations have been identified and described. The specialized teaching methodologies required to effect such training have also been identified and described. Presently, the development phase is incomplete as course training standards are being reviewed and developed, if required. Audio-visual instructional aids are being reviewed and further developed. The first scheduled presentation of this program will be in June 1979. Evaluating the effectiveness of this program may result in further design and development work.
(Principal Researcher: William Kelloway)

Further Correspondence to: (re: CPC Program for Trainers
and Educators),
C/Supt. G.M. Allen,
Director,
Canadian Police College,
Box 8900,
OTTAWA, Ontario.
K1G 3J2

General Information: D.G. Cowley,
Inspector,
Officer in Charge,
Crime Prevention Centre,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Headquarters Division,
OTTAWA, Ontario.
K1A 0R2

Prince Edward Island

Child abuse issues are dealt with under the Children's Protection Act and enforcement is generally by the Department of Social Services. Commencing in 1975, a review was undertaken to determine the protection of children afforded by government legislation and policies.

The review brought forth one recommendation proposed for the spring of 1979 presentation. It would require mandatory reporting of child neglect cases. Neglect is broadly defined and includes assaults, both physical and sexual. The actual draft wording is not available at this time. The Department of Social Services feel they have excellent control in that province. Under consideration is the formation of an inter-disciplinary committee to review cases of child neglect as an adjunct to current policies.

Title: Symposium on Family Violence.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

The symposium allowed participants to share existing research, information on current programs, and identify gaps in services to the victims of family violence. The symposium also provided an opportunity to educate the public by bringing together for the first time a wide range of public and private agencies and individuals who have a part to play in dealing with the problems associated with family violence. The focus of the symposium was on the findings from research on family violence recently undertaken in the province of British Columbia. This research was intended to not only identify the extent and seriousness of family violence, but also to reveal how social and legal services may better meet the needs of those involved. These findings were presented and discussed as they related to the four central themes of the symposium:

1. Domestic Dispute Intervention;
2. Identification and Management of Child Abuse;
3. Marital Violence;
4. Family Violence and the Law.

Financing: Co-funded by Vancouver Resources Board, Non-Medical Use of Drugs Directorate, Government of British Columbia, Health and Welfare Canada, United Way of Greater Vancouver, Secretary of State and Solicitor General of Canada.

Report: (Principal Researcher: Alan G. Goard, Acting Director of Social Planning, United Way of Greater Vancouver). Proceedings from Symposium on Family Violence, March 9, 10, 11, 1977. Vancouver, British Columbia.

Title: Task Force on Family Violence.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

The Task Force on Family Violence, operated under the auspices of United Way of the Lower Mainland, was organized to implement the recommendations of the Symposium on Family Violence, held in Vancouver in March 1977. Members of the Task Force, representing provincial and local social agencies, medical, legal and educational services, formed working groups in the areas of Child Abuse and Neglect, Wife Battering, Law and Education.

In line with one of the major objectives of the Task Force - to increase public and professional awareness of the nature and extent of family violence - workshops were organized in the Vancouver region and in four other centres in the province. The workshops were designed to involve social service agency personnel, other related professionals, and concerned citizens, in exploring the problem, adapting available resources to meet the needs of violent families, and planning necessary new resources to fill identified service gaps.

The educational and policy planning functions of the Task Force included the production and distribution of written and audio-visual materials on battered women and abused children, the undertaking of policy analysis and planning related to the reporting of child abuse and neglect, and the review of training opportunities for professionals and related agency personnel who deal with victims of family violence.

While the term of the task force has ended, an ongoing policy and planning committee of the Social Planning and Research Department of United Way is still actively engaged in working towards the establishment and continued operation of support groups for men who batter and for women who are battered.

A training package and handbook on wife battering in the context of family violence is being planned jointly by the United Way and the Justice Institute of British Columbia.

Sponsoring Organization: United Way of the Lower Mainland,
British Columbia.

Duration: April 1977 - January 1979.

Financing: Health and Welfare Canada.

Report: Audio-Visual Products.

- A Rule of Thumb

Videotape. 25 minutes. Opens with the common-law practice in the early United States that allowed a husband "the right to whip his wife, provided he used a switch no bigger than his thumb". The theme, that society still approves of men's physical domination over women, is supported by the personal story of a battered wife, the commentary of a staff member of the Vancouver Transition House, and examples from the media such as soap operas and magazine articles.

- A Sign of Affection?

Videotape. 25 minutes. A survey of attitudes and opinions on wife battering, ranging from battered wives to the people who are supposed to be there to help. Interviews were conducted in Burns Lake and Vancouver. The relationship of alcohol to wife battering is examined.

- A series of 10 ½-hour programs designed for radio and classroom use on family violence and subjects, including legal aspects, sexual abuse of children, resources and recommendations for future action. For more information, contact the Task Force on Family Violence.

- A Common Assault

3 slide-tape programs on the subject of crisis intervention, Transition House and Family Court. The three programs, about 10 minutes each, are designed to be used together. They are available free through our office in 6 languages besides English. A pamphlet, also in translation, will be printed for viewers' use. The specific material is of course British Columbia based, but the description of the wife battering situation and the interdisciplinary services required will be of general interest.

Audio-visual materials may be borrowed free of charge from the Task Force.

Publications:

- Child Abuse and Neglect Newsletter
Distributed free throughout the province.
- Family Violence
Information package including reprinted articles, handouts and bibliographies on the subject of wife battering and child abuse.
- Family Violence Resource List
Leaflet. Includes telephone numbers and brief descriptions of services for battered women and abused children in the lower mainland. 1977.
- Obstacles to the Identification and Reporting of Child Abuse
Report of the findings of a study of the identification and reporting of child abuse, including a comparison of the incidents of physical abuse and the actually reported figures, an examination of mental stereotypes of child abuse and abusers, and an examination of prevailing knowledge of existing reporting laws and attitudes towards such issues as the Parent in Crisis Groups, the principle of privileged information and the use of child abuse registry. 1977.
\$3.00.
- The Report of the Task Force on Family Violence
May 1979. The report contains a description of the work of the Task Force, 63 recommendations pertaining to child abuse and wife battering and appendices.
\$3.00.
- Legal Process for Battered Women
June 1979. A handbook designed for people who work with battered women. Contains an emergency action section, description of legal process, a glossary of terms. \$2.00.

Further Correspondence to: Flora MacLeod,
Policy Planning Consultant,
United Way of the Lower Mainland,
1625 West 8th Avenue,
VANCOUVER, British Columbia.
V6J 1T9
(604) 731-7781

Title: Association of Family Conciliation Courts
Conference.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

The theme of the 16th Annual Conference of the Association of Family Conciliation Courts was the problem of divorcing or separating families. Judges, counsellors, behavioral scientists and lawyers met in Vancouver to discuss this international problem.

Sponsoring Organization: Conference Committee; Association
of Family Conciliation Courts.

Duration: May 17-20, 1978 (1978-79).

Financing: National Welfare Grants; Health and Welfare
Canada and Department of Justice.

Further Correspondence to: Conference Committee,
Association of Family,
Conciliation Courts,
930 West 21st Avenue,
VANCOUVER, British Columbia.
V5Z 1Z2

NEWFOUNDLAND MATERIAL

Title: "Alcoholism and Child Abuse".

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

The main purpose of this study was to show the relationship of alcoholism to child abuse. Child abuse was defined as physical child abuse with injuries such as bruises, cuts, abrasions, multiple burns, fractures and dislocations, strangulation and suffocation, sexual abuse and homicidal starvation.

Nineteen families that had abused children were examined in detail, including obstetrical history, socio-economic background of the parents, and the extent of physical injuries in the families. General conclusions from the information available include: a high degree of alcoholism (68%), a high percentage of psychiatric illness in the families, low socio-economic background, marriage difficulties, illegitimacy, high incidence of wife battering, high degree of mobility, and repeated visits to hospital emergency department. In the study it was noted that none of the infants had been breast fed. (Principal researchers: Margaret Hubley and Mollie Combden).

Sponsoring Organization: Non-Medical Use of Drugs Directorate; Health and Welfare Canada.

Duration: 1976-1977.

Financing: Non-Medical Use of Drugs Directorate;
Health and Welfare Canada.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. A.R. Cooper,
Janeway Child Health Centre,
Newfoundland Drive,
ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland.
A1A 1R8

Title: Teach-A-Tot Children's Center.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

As a result of the lack of Family and Child Welfare Services in the City of St. John's, families in the low socio-economic strata are prevented from improving not only the quality of their family life but also their economic base. Many of the children involved are handicapped by health problems, limited exposure to community social life and learning disabilities.

The purpose of the demonstration was to illustrate the effect of day care services on the social development and intellectual functioning of children from disadvantaged families; to evaluate parental participation in the program, to assess the benefit of a health care component, and through the utilization of the findings, to encourage the extension of such services in other communities in Newfoundland.

The provision of an interventive day care program for families in low-income strata, including educational, cultural, environmental, economic, social and health aspects; and the measurement of a) the rate of the child's linguistic, intellectual and social development; b) the effect on family functioning; c) the success of the identification and treatment of medical conditions; and d) the cost of full-time versus part-time attendance balanced against the net effect to the child and family. To determine these measures, a comparison of children and families who participated in the activities of the Center and a matched control group will be made.

The Teach-A-Tot Children's Center has had significant positive effects on the linguistic, intellectual and social development of children in the St. John's community. Part-time attendance appears to be as valuable as full-time attendance in terms of benefits to both children and families. The health care component was highly successful in the early diagnosis and treatment of medical problems.

Sponsoring Organization: Day Care Committee Association of St. John's.

Duration: April 1974 to April 1975.

Financing: Newfoundland Department of Social Services;
National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare
Canada.

Report: Teach-A-Tot Children's Center Final Report,
Dr. J.E. Strawbridge, Chairman, Board of
Directors. 37. pp.

Further Correspondence to: Miss Loes de Waal, Director,
Teach-A-Tot Children's Center,
c/o Wesley United Church,
Box 7188,
ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland.
ALE 3Y4

Title: The Use of Research in Teaching Practice Skills
in Child Protective Services.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

A comprehensive review of the child abuse literature and related literature was conducted to derive a multi-causal interactive model of child abuse from which preactive and reactive interventive approaches could be projected. These include: early identification of potential child abusers, supportive services, group work skills, family life education, teaching abusing parents skills to deal with marital discords and faulty parent-child interaction, use of authority etc.

Sponsoring Organization: Memorial University of Newfoundland
School of Social Work.

Duration: November 1977 - May 1979.

Financing: Memorial University of Newfoundland School of
Social Work.

Report: The Use of Research in Teaching Practice Skills
in Child Protective Services by Dr. Paul Sachdev
and Dr. J. Victor Thompson.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. Paul Sachdev,
Associate Professor,
School of Social Work,
Memorial University of
Newfoundland,
ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland.
A1B 3X8

OR

Dr. J. Victor Thompson,
Director,
School of Social Work,
(Address as above)

Title: "Janeway Child Health Centre".

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

The Janeway Child Health Centre has an active diagnostic and treatment program for cases of child abuse. This was established in 1972 and has been modified as service demand has increased. In December 1978 the Centre reviewed all identified cases of abuse presented since the Centre's opening in 1966, and are not in a position to embark on clinical studies.

Two projects that are in the initial stages include: a preventive project to work with high risk children and unmarried mothers, and the relationship of child rearing practices to child abuse.

Further Correspondence to: Mrs. Frances O'Flaherty,
Director,
Department of Social Work,
Janeway Child Health Centre,
Newfoundland Drive,
ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland.
A1A 1R8

Title: Newfoundland Constabulary: Domestic Violence Projects.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

The policy of the Newfoundland Constabulary as it relates to dealing with complaints of spouse beating and child abuse is as follows:

1. Complaints of spouse abuse are assigned to a two-man team. On arrival at the scene, the officers will investigate to determine if the complaint is legitimate. If so, the aggressor is arrested, detained in a police cell for appearance in Family Court the following day. This is usually the case, as most arrests are made after 7:00 p.m. for this type of crime.
2. The complainant is instructed to appear at Family Court before the next session and lay an information.
3. Officers are instructed to determine if the couple have children, elderly people or incapacitated persons living with them. If so, officers investigate and attempt to determine if there is evidence of negligence. If evidence is apparent or the above is suspected, the Department of Social Services is contacted. The matter is handled by that Department from there on. In many instances, especially if an arrest has been made, other officers are dispatched who await the arrival of the social worker to ensure the safety of the social worker is guaranteed while taking custody of the children or elderly person.
4. Wives or women who are assaulted by drunken husbands are conveyed to the local Family Crisis Centre should they require assistance.
5. Some cases of child abuse are detected at the Children's Hospital. Uncovered cases are referred to us for investigation. These usually result in recommendations for prosecution.

Further Correspondence to: R.J. Roche,
D/Ass't. Chief of Police,
Newfoundland Constabulary,
Department of Justice,
ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland.

Title: Corner Brook City Detachment, R.C.M.P.

Project Description:

The Corner Brook City Detachment has no set program for incidents of child abuse and neglect. However, they do work closely with the provincial Department of Social Services in these cases.

In the past two years they have worked with the School of Social Work of Memorial University in St. John's, in that the Detachment is utilized as an agency for the placement of a fifth year student for a semester. During this program, it was noted that a Detachment of this size, 47 members plus civilian staff, would be well advised to have a full-time social worker attached to this office.

Further Correspondence to: Sgt. H.E.J. Johnston,
Corner Brook City Detachment,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Box 789,
CORNER BROOK, Newfoundland.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND MATERIAL

Title: "Child Abuse" (Conference).

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

To address the subject of Child Abuse for nurses in Prince Edward Island. The conference objectives were to increase the nurses:

1. Understanding of the pressures leading to child abuse and neglect.
2. Alertness to signals by parents of inabilities to cope with the daily care of children.
3. Ability to recognize early symptoms of abuse in the child.
4. Knowledge and recognition of her professional role and responsibility in all aspects of the problem.

To obtain necessary information on which subsequent nursing action might be based, resource personnel were selected according to their specific area of concern.

1. Family Physician - "What is Child Abuse?"
2. Foster Home Coordinator with Department of Social Services - "Is There a Child Abuse Problem in the Province?"
3. Deputy Minister of Justice - "Child Abuse and the Law".
4. Pediatricians - "The Doctor's Views".
5. High School Guidance Counsellor - "From Where the Teacher Sits".
6. Nurse-Counsellor, Alcohol and Drug Problems Institute - "Children of the Alcoholic Parents".

Several recommendations came at the conclusion of the conference - copies of which were sent to Directors of Nursing in the province, and to the Association of Nurses of Prince Edward Island.

A report of the conference was published in the Canadian Nurse Journal, April 1975, Vol. 71, No. 4, pp. 17, 18.

Sponsoring Organization: The Inservice Education Department at the Prince Edward Island Hospital, jointly with the Public Health Nursing Division, Department of Health, Prince Edward Island Government.

Duration: December 10 and 11, repeated December 17, 18, 1974.

Financing: Participant registration.

Further Correspondence to: Mrs. Betty MacEachern, B.N., Associate Director Inservice Education, Prince Edward Island Hospital, CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.
C1A 1T5

Title: Summerside Police Department.

Project Description:

The Summerside Police Department have no programs directly dealing with domestic violence at the present time. The majority of police officers on the force have training in this field either through their training at the Police Academy courses, at other police colleges, or from experience in the field. This seminar was very successful and plans are being prepared to have them on a yearly basis.

Further Correspondence to: Constable David Griffin,
General Investigation Section,
Summerside Police Department,
SUMMERSIDE, Prince Edward Island.

NOVA SCOTIA MATERIAL

Title: "Child Abuse in Nova Scotia".

Status: Completed 1973.

Project Description:

The first purpose, in response to a lack of Canadian data in regard to abused children, was to conduct research into the causes and treatment of "battered" and "emotionally deprived" children in Nova Scotia. The second purpose, to participate in and develop an interdisciplinary approach to the research of problems that cross professional lines. (Medical students, law students, and social work students, eleven in all, gathered the data in the summer of 1971).

The end result was a 300-page report divided into three parts. Part one was a retrospective study of all abuse and neglect in Nova Scotia in the five years prior to 1971, using records from hospitals, social agencies, family courts and criminal courts. Part two was a study of the attitudes of a random sample of 703 Nova Scotians (doctors, lawyers, social workers, educators, nurses, police, clergy, and media) about child abuse, corporal punishment, and other acts of violence. Part three consisted of twenty-three recommendations to all levels of government to decrease the incidence of abuse and neglect.

As a result of the report, the Child Abuse Register was established and three resources were initiated and expanded: day care, homemaker services and voluntary care.

Sponsoring Organization: Office of the Secretary of State of Canada; The Laidlaw Foundation; The Vanier Institute of the Family; Nova Scotia Department of Social Services; Dalhousie University Faculty of Law; Izaak Walton Killam Hospital for Children.

Duration: June 1, 1971 to June 15, 1973.

Financing: Office of the Secretary of State; The Laidlaw Foundation; The Vanier Institute of the Family; Nova Scotia Department of Social Services.

Reports: "Task Force on Child Abuse in Nova Scotia",
January 1974 (Out of print). J.P. Anderson, et
al., "Attitudes of Nova Scotia Physicians to
Child Abuse", Nova Scotia Medical Bulletin, 1973,
51(6) p. 185-189.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. J.P. Anderson,
The Izaak Walton Killam Hospital
for Children,
5850 University Avenue,
HALIFAX, Nova Scotia.
B3J 3G9

Title: ATLANTIS Special Issue: Women and Health.

Status: To go to press end of June 1979.

Project Description:

To prepare for publication a special issue of ATLANTIS focussing on the topic of women's health and well-being. The issue is devoted to the publication of those papers which were delivered at the Second Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women (CRIAOW) which was held in Quebec City November 9-11, 1978. The majority of the papers focus on women and health. Other papers in the issue cover topics on women and their communities and women's work lives.

Sponsoring Organization: The Acadia University Institute;
Acadia University; Wolfville.

Duration: May 7, 1979 - July 13, 1979.

Financing: Young Canada Works; Canada Employment and Immigration.

Further Correspondence to: Margaret Conrad,
Co-ordinating Editor,
ATLANTIS: A Women's Studies
Journal,
Box 294, Acadia University,
WOLFVILLE, Nova Scotia.
BOP 1X0

Title: Child Neglect: An Ecological Perspective.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

Child neglect is conceptualized as a product of a multitude of factors. A human ecological approach is being used to analyze the phenomenon in a small community in Nova Scotia. Specifically, data on three sets of variables are being collected: the community context, neighbourhood support systems and family characteristics. It is hypothesized that inadequate provision of essential nurturance is not so much due to financial difficulties as a different set of priorities in life, which in turn is embedded in the socio-cultural environment of the community.

Field work is being done by a trained social researcher, but also a local resident. Observation, interview, and local survey are methods used for data-collection.

Sponsoring Organization: Acadia University.

Duration: February 1 to August 31, 1979.

Financing: General grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Further Correspondence to: Mervin Y.T. Chen,
Sociology Department,
Acadia University,
WOLFVILLE, Nova Scotia.
B0P 1X0
(902) 542-2201

Title: A Study of Family Structure and the Health of Children.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

To compare the prevalence of ill-health and related developmental difficulties among adopted and non-adopted children. The general hypothesis was that urban middle-class families (from which most adopting couples are drawn) tend to be subject to special life stresses because of their characteristic, geographical and social status mobility patterns. The proposal was that these stresses are particularly salient in the case of adopting parents, and that such stresses may be manifested in the form of developmental problems among their children. (Principal researchers: H.D. Kirk and K. Jonassohn).

Sponsoring Organization: Nova Scotia Department of Public Welfare; (now Nova Scotia Department of Social Services), Box 696, HALIFAX, Nova Scotia. B3J 2T7

Duration: 1964-65, 1965-66.

Financing: National Welfare Grants; Health and Welfare Canada.

Report: Halifax Children: A Study of Family Structure and the Health of Children, Report of Findings by H. David Kirk, Professor of Sociology, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, and Kurt Jonassohn, Professor of Sociology, Sir George Williams University, Montreal, Quebec. 1973. 91 pp. plus appendices.

Title: Vulnerable Mothers, Vulnerable Children: A
Follow-up Study of the Unmarried Mother Who Keeps
Her Child.

Status: Design Phase - Completed; Data Collection - In
progress.

Project Description:

To study the situations of unmarried mothers who have chosen to keep their children. The goal of the study is to identify the kinds of support services that are needed by the unmarried mothers and to determine how extensive these needs are in the unmarried parent population. A number of areas are being considered, including the mother's knowledge of basic child care; her potential for parenting problems; her knowledge and use of contraception; her employment and education career; and her financial circumstances.

The study involved interviews with approximately 350 unmarried mothers and 350 married mothers at three successive points in time - one month after birth of the baby, nine months after and eighteen months after the baby's birth.

The design phase and first stage of data collection is complete. The second stage of data collection is now in progress.

Sponsoring Organization: Policy, Planning and Research, Nova
Scotia; Department of Social
Services.

Duration: Design Phase: September 1977 to March 1978; Data
Collection: May 1978 to June 1980; Preparation
of Final Report: June 1980 to April 1981.

Financing: National Welfare Grants; Health and Welfare
Canada.

Further Correspondence to: Ms. Susan MacDonnell,
Project Director,
Policy, Planning and Research,
Department of Social Services,
Box 696,
HALIFAX, Nova Scotia.
B3J 2T7

Title: Colchester Human Resource Development Project.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

The Children's Aid Society of Colchester County in Truro, Nova Scotia, provides preventative and support services to children and families on, or likely to become a part of, their caseload. The primary intervention mode is tutoring and counselling provided by project trained para-professionals.

Sponsoring Organization: Children's Aid Society.

Duration: 3 years.

Financing: National Welfare Grants; Health and Welfare Canada.

Further Correspondence to: Executive Director,
Children's Aid Society of
Colchester County,
58 Willow Street,
TRURO, Nova Scotia.

Title: Needs of the Adolescent.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

Increasing numbers of teenage pregnancies and a rise in the number of unmarried mothers who wished to keep their babies in the Antigonish area led the A.G.I.R. branch of the Registered Nurses Association of Nova Scotia to address the issue directly.

The local regional high school students were exposed during regular class hours to guest speakers who addressed the issue of teenage pregnancy and related topics. As well the local newspaper ran a column which dealt with articles concerning particular problems of the adolescent such as: The Use of Drugs and Alcohol by the Adolescent, Nutritional Problems of the Adolescent, Hazards of Smoking in the Adolescent, Emotional Problems of the Adolescent.

Sponsoring Organization: (The Antigonish, Guysborough, Inverness, Richmond) A.G.I.R. Branch of the Registered Nurses Association of Nova Scotia.

Duration: October 1978 - May 1979.

Further Correspondence to: Mrs. Angela Gillis,
Nursing Instructor,
St. Martha's Hospital
School of Nursing,
ANTIGONISH, Nova Scotia.

Title: Family SOS Project.

Status: Development - Completed - Demonstration in Progress.

Project Description:

To demonstrate the use of lay therapists as parent aides in reducing the risk of abuse and neglect of children by providing emotional support and guidance to young isolated single parents, chronic neglect families, and of high risk abusive parents. The main objective is to help the parents improve their quality of parenting through frequent home visits and phone contacts with the lay therapists. Parents are provided with assistance in dealing with crises situations and are directed to community resources available; e.g., educational upgrading, day cares, single parent organizations, and community mental health resources.

Sponsoring Organization: The Family Service of Support Association.

Duration: Developmental: January 1975 - March 1978.
Demonstration: March 1978 - present.

Financing: Anglican Foundation of Canada; Community Employment Strategy; City of Halifax; Social Planning - lay therapist support.

Further Correspondence to: Mrs. Saundra Hardy,
Coordinator,
Family SOS Project,
1225 Barrington Street,
HALIFAX, Nova Scotia.
B3J 1Y3
(902) 423-4380

Title: "Survey of the Need for a Central Register for
Abused Children in Nova Scotia".

Status: Completed 1973.

Project Description:

The study supported the establishment of the Central
Child Abuse Register. (Prepared by: Mary Catherine Aucoin).

Sponsoring Organization: Thesis for Department of Education,
Dalhousie University, Halifax.

Further Correspondence to: Ms. B.A. d'Entremont, R.S.W.,
Supervisor, Child Abuse Register,
Family and Children's Services
Division,
Department of Social Services,
Box 696,
HALIFAX, Nova Scotia.
B3J 2T7

Title: Halifax Police Department.

Project Description:

The only programs the Halifax Police Department has in operation relative to the area of domestic violence and child abuse are the training of recruits and in-service training, such as those at the Maritime Police School regarding the police officer's approach to hostility. This training touches on domestic calls, S.I.D.S., and the Children's Services Act. They are contemplating, however, obtaining the services of a trained social worker to assist them.

Further Correspondence to: Charles E. Cuthbert, Inspector,
Personnel and Training Division,
Halifax Police Department,
HALIFAX, Nova Scotia.
B3J 2H1

Title: Dartmouth City Police Department: Domestic
Violence Projects.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

A member of the Department is a representative on the Nova Scotia Child Abuse Committee. This Department is also working with the community on rehabilitation of the families with involvement of the Family Court.

In conjunction with the Nova Scotia Police Commission, the Dartmouth Police Department has prepared an information packet for other police departments in the province, and for distribution to school libraries, pertaining to child abuse and neglect, including information about reporting suspected or actual cases of abuse. They have also been involved with students working on master's theses from the Maritime School of Social Work in the area of family crisis involvement.

Further Correspondence to: Constable Bill Joyce,
Community Relations Officer,
Youth Division,
Dartmouth City Police Department,
Box 817,
DARTMOUTH, Nova Scotia.
B2Y 3Z3

Title: Amherst Police Department.

Project Description:

The Amherst Police Department has no projects planned or completed dealing with domestic violence of children or spouses.

On calls of domestic violence from anyone the policy is to gather evidence and, where proper grounds warrant it, immediately arrest the party.

In cases of suspected child abuse, they find that the physician called will or cannot give the required expert opinion to have the suspect appear in court. Children's Aid is called, in most cases, to investigate suspected cases of child abuse.

Further Correspondence to: J. Plomp,
Chief of Police,
Amherst Police Department,
Box 251,
AMHERST, Nova Scotia.
B4H 3Z2

NEW BRUNSWICK MATERIAL

Title: The Teaching Homemaker Services Demonstration Project.

Status: Demonstration - Completed.

Project Description:

The basic goal of the Project was to develop a process to be used as a model for identifying and providing community preventive services effective in reducing the number of multi-problem families.

Intermediate goals were:

1. Development of a delivery mechanism for Teaching Homemaker Services as a model of a community preventive social service.
2. Development of a training program for Teaching Homemakers in the context of a community preventive approach.
3. Comparison of the community preventive approach to the provision of Teaching Homemaker Services with traditional services.
4. Improvement of multi-problem families in their family and social functioning.

The research involved twenty-four (24) families of Northeast New Brunswick who had a high risk of having their children removed from their homes. The homemakers provided services in the areas of health care, home maintenance, nutrition, food, preparation, budgeting and child management, using the individual, group and community approach.

Sponsoring Organization: The New Brunswick Department of Social Services; The Canadian Red Cross Society - New Brunswick.

Duration: April 1, 1977 to March 31, 1979.

Financing: National Welfare Grants; Health and Welfare Canada.

Report: In progress.

Further Correspondence to: Family/Child Services Planning
Division,
New Brunswick Department of
Social Services,
Box 6000,
FREDERICTON, New Brunswick.
E3B 5H1

Title: "Saint John General Hospital (Social Work Department)".

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

1. As an in-patient treatment program, team meetings of paediatric service were started on a weekly basis. The purpose of these meetings has been to take a global view of diagnoses and treatment plans, with emphasis on social situations.
2. In-service teaching of nursing staff regarding child abuse, using audio-visual methods.
3. Social workers, along with other hospital personnel and professionals, have served on the Child Abuse Committee of the Social Services Council of Greater Saint John. This committee has done much to increase the community's awareness of child abuse. It has also made various recommendations and has taken an active role in ironing out "mandatory" vs "self-help" issues in child abuse.
4. At present, the main thrust of the Child Abuse Committee is continuing the development of a Parents Anonymous Group which was started over a year ago. Workers have been teaching "Listening and Telephone Counselling" to the volunteers of this group.
5. One of the Social Work Department's main roles is liaison with other community agencies like the Department of Social Services to ensure continuity of care.
6. In the future: The Social Work Department is interested in starting a group, on out-patient basis, for parents who abuse their children. Although the criteria for membership is child abuse, the group will focus on interpersonal relations. Some consideration will be given to child development and parent information regarding this. It will be the aim of this group to promote better understanding of the physical and emotional growth of children and to help parents in their relationships through a shared, experimental process.

Further Correspondence to: Miss Constance M. Harrison,
Director,
Social Work Department,
Saint John General Hospital,
Box 2100,
SAINT JOHN, New Brunswick.
E2L 4L2

Title: "Community Committee for Child Protection Services for the Moncton District".

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

In recent months, through The Moncton Hospital, the CCPS for the Moncton District has been conducting a major public education program in Moncton, aimed at acquainting the public at large with the size and importance of the problem of child abuse and neglect prior to establishing new projects, probably on a volunteer basis, to assist prevention of the problem. Community Committees for Child Protection Services are being established throughout the Province of New Brunswick and include membership from various health, social service and other interested professions. Their purpose is to improve coordination between the various disciplines involved in child protection, to increase the education of the various professions and social services, to identify problems in access to these services, and to assist in establishing appropriate patterns of referral.

In addition to the educational program which is being conducted, a number of relatively simple ways have been identified by which present services could be augmented. For example, Moncton, New Brunswick does not at present have any Parents Anonymous group, nor is there any help-line service for the assistance of parents in need. We believe that the latter, a help-line service, could be relatively easily established, and plan on promoting that project.

Other projects being considered, but which have not yet reached the stage where they are in the process of being implemented, include education on parenting at the high school level, greater educational input into prenatal classes for expectant parents, and the possibility of identifying high-risk families in the nursery of the hospital with follow-up being instituted for such families when identified. This latter, however, would increase the work load of the Department of Social Services so greatly that it may not prove to be feasible to operate, even though it could prove to be a promising approach.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. C. Robin Walker,
Neonatologist,
The Moncton Hospital,
135 MacBeath Avenue,
MONCTON, New Brunswick.
E1C 6Z8

Title: Parents Anonymous of Saint John.

Status: Development 1977.
Implementation 1978.

Project Description:

In 1977, the Social Services Council of Greater Saint John, social planning body, formed a committee to look into the problems of child abuse in the area. The committee was composed of representatives from community health, welfare, court, police agencies. The recommendation proposed was that a Parents Anonymous Association be formed and patterned after Parents Anonymous National Body in the U.S.A.

In 1978, Parents Anonymous of Saint John was set up to act as a preventive tool to child abuse. Volunteers were found and trained by professionals in the community. The service consists of a twenty-four hour telephone hot or life-line and a group meeting once a week - "Parents Helping Parents". The project, so far, has proven to be successful and meets a need for parents who are finding it difficult to have a satisfying relationship with their children. Most calls, averaging 50 per month, come from parents who are afraid that they could become battering parents.

Service clubs assumed responsibility for telephone services and advertising. There is no paid staff.

Sponsoring Organization: Social Services Council of Greater Saint John; 10 King Street, Box 7091, Station "A", Saint John, New Brunswick. E2L 4S5 Phone: 657-3100

Further Correspondence to: Miss Catherine Gale,
Executive Director,
Social Services Council of
Greater Saint John,
10 King Street,
Box 7091
SAINT JOHN, New Brunswick.
E2L 4E6

Title: "Behind Closed Doors".

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

A public awareness half-hour documentary film covering the topic of child abuse in Atlantic Canada through on-location interviews with educator, Fred Grant; medical doctor, Dr. Leblanc; and other professionals. The purpose of the documentary is to present to the general public the issues and concerns related to child abuse and neglect. This film won the CAN-PRO 1978 Award as the best short documentary in Canada. (The film is in video-tape form).

Each year Pupil Personnel Services participates in a workshop with the provincial Department of Social Services for the purpose of training foster parents. Quite frequently the foster children have been involved in an abused background.

Pupil Personnel Services of District No. 15 through the Mental Health Clinic maintains continued contact and monitoring of victims of child abuse. Pupil Personnel Services staff serve as a front line service for supporting all helping agencies and abused children.

Sponsoring Organization: Pupil Personnel Services, School District No. 15, and ATV-CKCW Moncton.

Further Correspondence to: Fred Grant, Director,
Pupil Personnel Services,
School District No. 15,
106 West Street,
MONCTON, New Brunswick.
E1E 3N9

OR

Jerry White, Producer,
ATV,
MONCTON, New Brunswick.

Title: Moncton Police Department.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

The Moncton Police Department does not have a program directed towards child abuse in its entirety.

They are, currently, operating the Block Parent Program and have staff members, as advisors, on the Board of the Resource Center for Youths in Conflict Project. During 1978, the RCYC ran a 24-hour emergency shelter, where juveniles could be placed for protection.

The Moncton Police Department would be interested in conducting a public awareness program for child abuse, in the near future. The Block Parents are aware of the child abuse program and frequently report incidents of suspected child abuse to the Department.

The New Brunswick Social Services Department usually handles most of the child abuse complaints in the city.

Further Correspondence to: Constable Charles P. Kinney,
Police Community Relations,
Crime Prevention Unit,
Moncton Police Department,
St. George Boulevard,
Box 1045,
MONCTON, New Brunswick.
ElC 8P2

QUEBEC MATERIAL

Title: Child Abuse in Quebec.

Status: Terminated.

Project Description:

To pinpoint the phenomenon of child abuse in Quebec and try our best to understand it, with a view to screening, diagnosis, and treatment in order to protect and assist abused children and also those who abuse them.

The report on this study will have three components:

1. Overall situation of this social phenomenon in Quebec, description taken from the 1st annual report of the Youth Protection Committee covering the first six months of that Committee's operations, under its mandate at that time namely to apply the law for the protection of abused children.
2. Characteristics of these children and those abusing them, by types of abuse suffered:
 - physical abuse;
 - neglect;
 - sexual abuse;
 - "high risk situations" liable to lead to one or more of these three types of abuse;
 - multiple abuse.
3. Profile of abused children among those who were listed and studied by "Operation 30 000" - this Operation, the report on which is in print at this time (September 1979) and ought to be made public in the fall of 1979 - listed and studied the some 30 000 children who were wards of the state in Quebec.

The first part is completed, because it is an extract of a 1977 publication.

The second and third sections are being analysed at the present time.

Duration: This research report is to be completed around March of 1980.

Financing: This project is financed from the operating budget of the Youth Protection Committee.

Further correspondence to: Mrs. Ghislaine Martin,
Director of Research, Information
and Development,
Youth Protection Committee,
Department of Justice,
505 Dorchester Blvd. West,
MONTREAL, Quebec.
H2Z 1A8

Title: Operation 30 000.

Status: Terminated.

Project Description:

A census of all children in Quebec who have been taken into custody by the Social Service Centres via a protection order or placed in alternative environments by voluntary request.

The project had two objectives:

1. to produce uniform information on the situation of children, their characteristics, their problems and the type of intervention;
2. to initiate a process of review of cases which will be made mandatory and routine by the new Youth Protection Act.

Since this was a both general census and an individual case review, all children meeting the criteria defined in the project were the subject of an individual report based on a questionnaire filled in by practitioners responsible for the child.

Sponsoring Organization: This was a joint project by the Association de Centres de Services Sociaux and the Department of Social Affairs.

Duration: November 30, 1977 to August 10, 1979.

Report: Completed.

Further Correspondence to: Jacques Larin,
Officer in Charge of
Operation 30 000,
c/o A.C.S.S.
65 Sherbrooke East,
Suite 201,
MONTREAL, Québec.
H2X 1C4

Title: Program for Parent Enrichment.

Status: Demonstration project - completed June 1978.

Project Description:

The project demonstrated the effectiveness of in-home education on parenting skills.

Goals:

1. To break patterns of isolation.
2. To improve parenting skills and understanding of a child's needs.
3. To enable families to find and make use of existing community resources.
4. To provide the development of self-help groups and support those which exist.

By breaking patterns of poor parenting, a major cause of child abuse can be prevented and the community strengthened.

Sponsoring Organization: Ville Marie Social Services Centre.

Duration: 9 months.

Financing: Health and Welfare Canada.

Further Correspondence to: The Director,
Community Resource Development
Division,
VMSSC,
4515 St. Catherine Street West,
MONTREAL, Quebec.
H3Z 1R9

Title: Transmission of Violence across the Generations
 in Physically Abused Children.

Status: Underway (Master's thesis, psychology, University
 of Quebec at Trois-Rivières).

Project Description:

The sampling is made up of 30 families (ideally 60 parents) who have been reported to various social service centres in region 04 for physical abuse of their children and 30 other families who will be paired with the first set and chosen at random in the rest of the population. The latter will be obtained through use of a structured interview with each of the parents present with the cooperation of the child protection worker responsible for the case.

Duration: Until September 1980.

Further Correspondence to: Jocelyn Chouinard,
 110 Sylvain Street,
 Apartment 4,
 VICTORIAVILLE, Quebec.
 G6P 8C8

Title: The Future of Abused Children. A comparative study.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

The project is intended to demonstrate the necessity of early prevention of child abuse by indicating the harmful physical, mental and social effects of such abuse. The study covers a group of 54 children who were abused or neglected between the ages of 5 and 8 years, studied several years after their identification in the protection clinic in a pediatric hospital. These children are evaluated from the physical point of view by a pediatrician, and from the point of view of intellectual and emotional development by a psychologist and their school performance is estimated by questionnaires sent to the teachers. The characteristics of the home environment at the time of identification and at the time of the research are specified. All of these data are oriented toward measuring the consequences on the three planes of development through comparison with a control group of children of the same age and same environment, who have not been abused or neglected to any major extent.

Duration: Financing planned from January 1, 1978 to January 1, 1980.

Financing: National Health and Welfare; Justine Lacost-Beaubien Fund, Ste-Justine Hospital, Magali Ducharme Fund, University of Montreal; Ste-Justine Hospital Telethon.

Report: Available, after 1980.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. Gloria Jeliu, MD, FRCP(c),
Director, Child Protection
Clinic,
Ste-Justine Hospital,
3175 Cote Ste-Catherine,
MONTREAL, Quebec.
H3T 1C5

Title: A Study on Children's Institutions in the Diocese of Quebec and their Population.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

1. To prepare an inventory of children's institutions in the diocese of Quebec with data on their numbers, their distribution, the services offered, admission policy, etc.
2. To secure data on the residents with regard to reasons for admission, personal and family characteristics. (Principal researchers: Pierre A. Bernier, Suzanne Blais-Grenier, Gilles Charest, et al.).

Sponsoring Organization: Conseil des oeuvres et du bien-être de Québec (now La Plume Rouge - Région administrative de Québec), 625 est, Grande-Allée, C.P. 730, Québec (Québec) G1R 4S7

Duration: 1967-68.

Financing: National Welfare Grants; Health and Welfare Canada.

Report: Étude des institutions pour enfants dans le diocèse de Québec. Conseil des oeuvres et du bien-être de Québec. December, 1967, 163 pp. plus appendices.

Title: Socio-Cultural Factors Affecting the Welfare of Children.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

As part of a larger study, to compile an inventory of child welfare services in Canada, with special reference to the Province of Québec. The inventory consisted of brief descriptions and, where relevant, some findings of research studies, as well as a notation of problems inherent in the service. (Principal Researchers: E.R. Godfrey, Benjamin Schlesinger).

Sponsoring Organization: Canadian Conference on Children.

Duration: 1964-65.

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare Canada.

Report: Child Welfare Services: Winding Paths to Maturity by E.R. Godfrey and Benjamin Schlesinger. Canadian Conference on Children, 1965, 76 pp. plus appendices.

Title: New Woman Centre.

Status: Demonstration Phase completed; Services and activities discontinued.

Project Description:

To establish a centre which will provide information activities, student training, reference, personal training programs, systematic compiling of the services asked from the Centre, development of community action groups, as well as other activities.

Sponsoring Organization: The New Woman Centre - Le Centre de la Femme nouvelle.

Duration: November 1974 to November 1977.

Financing: Health and Welfare Canada.

Further Correspondence to: The Administrator,
New Woman Centre,
3465 Côte des Neiges,
No. 71
MONTREAL, Quebec.

Title: Auberge Transition.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

Auberge Transition is a temporary haven for women and their children who are in crisis. The focus is on battered women and their problems.

The Auberge aims to create a family setting, through communal living, to ease the women through their time of crisis. The main factors are the staff, volunteers and the women themselves. Through interaction the women give themselves mutual support and acceptance and responsibility for making their own decisions and action.

Auberge Transition has sponsored two groups for women who have sought shelter with it. The first is for women living alone with their children, to provide them with support from their peers. This is in association with a social worker. The second, for mothers seeking parental guidance, is run by the Child and Adolescent Clinic of the Royal Victoria Hospital. Couples who have a violent relationship but who wish to remain together can seek counselling at the local social service centre.

Sponsoring Organization: Project begun by the YWCA Montreal; Auberge Transition is now incorporated.

Duration: Began operation in 1975; ongoing.

Financing: Canada Works Grant, Employment and Immigration Canada; January 1978 - November 1979; Quebec Ministry of Social Affairs: November 1979 - April 1980; Donation from private foundation.

Further Correspondence to: Auberge Transition,
Box 1194,
Station "H",
MONTREAL, Quebec.
H3G 2N2

Title: Carrefour pour Elle.

Status: Demonstration Phase completed; Project ongoing.

Project Description:

To provide emergency accommodation for women and children, along with other support services. The project focussed on establishing specific types of operating structures, in the social services network of the community.

Sponsoring Organization: Carrefour pour Elle.

Duration: Demonstration Period - December 1974 to December 1976.

Financing: Department of Social Affairs, Quebec.
Health and Welfare Canada.

Report: Evaluation report on "Carefour pour Elle Inc.".

Further Correspondence to: Therese Laplante,
Director,
Carrefour pour Elle,
1575 Brébeuf
LONGUEUIL, Quebec.
G4G 3P3

Title: The Caring Centre.

Status: Developmental and establishing phases.

Project Description:

The goals of this project are:

1. To provide an environment where participants (parents and children) in similar circumstances could share experiences and possibly develop social contact.
2. To improve the self-confidence of parents and children which comes from knowledge and positive experiences.
3. To provide an observation centre where parents can observe their child with other children as well as observing a trained teacher as a model for parenting skills.
4. To provide an environment for children where they can develop social skills, fine motor skills and gross motor skills.
5. To demonstrate and develop skills such as sewing, crafts, cooking, etc., which would improve the everyday life of the individual as well as enhance self-worth.
6. To give information in such areas as nutrition, time budgeting, setting of priorities, financial planning, child care, etc.
7. To provide in-home support for families.
8. To provide a 24-hour temporary emergency shelter for children who are at high risk.
9. To develop training programs for volunteers to work with professionals in all aspects of this program.

The Caring Centre would include several programs:

1. A post-natal discussion group.
2. An observation nursery with family life education discussion group.

3. Discussion groups.
4. A sibling centre.
5. A temporary shelter for children.

Although each of the programs could be started with any of the others, the concept always includes a sibling centre. Many worthwhile activities are not undertaken because parents haven't the means to get a babysitter. Also foreseen is a training program for volunteers to work in all areas of the program as well as on a one-to-one basis in crisis. A referral service would be provided for people needing help beyond the scope of the Caring Centre.

Sponsoring Organization: Montreal Branch, National Council
of Jewish Women.

Further Correspondence to: Pearla Benloulou,
Vice-President, Montreal Branch,
National Council of Jewish Women,
5775 Victoria Avenue,
Suite 102,
MONTREAL, Quebec.
H3W 2R4

Title: Visiting Homemakers Services of the Jewish Family
Services Social Service Centre.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

This program involves trained and supervised homemakers working within the context of a therapeutic treatment plan under the direct supervision of a case manager who is usually a social worker, but can be a psychologist, psychiatrist, special education teacher, etc. Responsibilities include concrete tasks such as light housekeeping, meal preparation, accompaniment to medical clinics and appointments, consumer shopping, banking, child care, including from infancy to adolescence, care of the ill, handicapped or elderly, all based around the activities of daily living. The goals are:

- a) To actually help the client and provide support, particularly at a crisis time, so that the client can be helped to maintain themselves in their own milieu.
- b) Because the homemaker is working within a therapeutic plan and is reporting to a case manager, the following tasks are undertaken: assessment; evaluation; recommendations; and teaching, including role modelling, behavior modification, organization of time, household tasks and budget, teaching of discipline methods, and teaching about interpersonal skills. The homemaker acts as an extension of the case manager and the Social Service Centre team in the client's milieu. Detailed weekly reports are prepared by the homemaker for submission to the case manager.

Homemakers are supervised on the individual cases by the case manager and participate in twice monthly peer group sessions. In addition, once a month homemakers receive formal staff development training.

Specific programs include:

1. For clients at risk, a response is made within the hour. In the context of youth protection, there is extremely close collaboration with the Youth Protection Department, the Children's Services Division, and

the In-take Unit of the Jewish Family Services Social Service Centre. These departments or divisions provide the main source of referrals for the Visiting Homemakers Service for children at risk or suspicion of risk. Homemakers are available on a twenty-four hour basis if necessary. A contract is signed between the agency, the homemaker service and the client, delineating the specific role of each member of the team, including the client, who is considered a team member. The contract deals with the duration of service, the time frame, and the nature of specific tasks.

In child protection cases, once a week the case manager must provide active supervision. In addition, once a month, or more frequently if needed, case conferences are held at which representatives from all the agencies involved with the client meet to discuss the situation. At this time the homemaker always gives a report, both verbal and written. This allows the homemaker to participate in the therapeutic process.

2. Respite Program.

Homemakers are available to relieve the caretaking person(s) to enable them to have respite from their responsibilities. For example, to take a break or have a vacation. The time period ranges from one day to two weeks, and includes twenty-four hour coverage.

3. Homemaker as Case Manager.

Initial in-take and screening is done by the case manager when the client and the case manager, and eventually the homemaker department, all agree that the case can be carried by a homemaker, as the main therapeutic requirements or needs are concrete services.

Visiting Homemakers Services is a field placement for CGEP (junior colleges in Quebec) student nurses in their final year, working in community psychiatry. Visiting Homemakers Services also act as a consultant to all home care programs and homemaker type services, both internally and to other agencies and organizations offering home care or homemaker services.

Sponsoring Organization: Jewish Family Services Social Service Centre.

Duration: This program is ongoing and has been continuous for the last fifty years.

Financing: Jewish Family Services Social Service Centre.

Further Correspondence to: Ms. Rita Karakas,
Supervisor,
Visiting Homemakers Services,
Jewish Family Services Social
Service Centre,
5253 Decarie Boulevard,
Third Floor,
MONTREAL, Quebec.

Title: The Battered Child Committee of Charles le Moyne Hospital.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

This committee has been in existence since 1975. Presently the committee's work force consists of multi-disciplinarian professionals whose main objectives are: taking charge of all referred cases of abused children; making the diagnostic and therapeutic evaluations; as well as studying the social factors involved in each case. The skills and qualifications of this group enables a careful and thorough investigation and carrying out of the stages of evaluation and study. Members of the committee include two pediatricians, a child psychiatrist, an emergency nurse, a pediatric nurse, a social worker, a health care department nurse and a psychologist.

Duration: 1975 - present.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. Claude Proulx,
President,
The Battered Child Committee,
Charles le Moyne Hospital,
121 Taschereau Boulevard,
GREENFIELD PARK, Quebec.

Title: In Search of a Model: Violent Partners - Theory and Therapy.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

For violent couples requesting reconciliation and help with this problem of violence, an interactional approach to treatment is suggested. Couples are held mutually accountable for the dynamics which maintain the violent interactions. Developing a model for treatment of violent partners include a conjoint perspective aimed at overcoming the learned helplessness of each partner, through behavioral techniques which focus on communication skills, conflict negotiation and methods of recognizing and handling stress and anger constructively.

Through a review of current literature on domestic violence and written contact with developing projects in Canada and the U.S., a treatment model is being developed and refined through work with violent parents.

Sponsoring Organization: McGill School of Social Work; Peel Centre, C.L.S.C. Montreal.

Duration: January - June 1979.

Financing: McGill Graduate Faculty Scholarship.

Further Correspondence to: Hilary Day,
McGill School of Social Work,
3506 University Street,
MONTREAL, Quebec.
H3A 2A7

Title: A Follow-up Study of the Crisis Shelter as a
Resource for Battered Women and Their Children.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

The crisis shelter has been assumed a valuable resource for battered women and their children. This study is an attempt to elucidate how the crisis shelter serves their specific needs for services and resources and how services can be modified or extended to better meet the needs of those caught up in domestic violence.

All intake interviews for one year of women and children referred to the Shelter (Auberge Transition) will be analyzed in order to assess who is using the shelter and what kinds of specific problems have resulted in a need for emergency crisis housing. Twenty in-depth interviews of battered women will be used in order to gain a better understanding of the role of violence within the family and the self-perceived needs of women caught up in domestic violence. The interviews will focus on the pre-, during and post-Shelter resource uses or requirements of the interviewees. Modification and/or extension of resources provided by the Shelter will be undertaken to incorporate the findings of this research.

Sponsoring Organization: McGill School of Social Work;
Auberge Transition.

Duration: September 1978 - July 1979.

Financing: Nil.

Further Correspondence to: Pam Benson,
Auberge Transition,
1355 Dorchester Boulevard, West,
MONTREAL, Quebec.

Title: "Parents-in-Dialogue"/"Parents en dialogue".

Project Description:

To promote improved parent/child relations.

To allow parents to discuss, in a non-judgmental atmosphere, their parenting difficulties and attitudes. To involve parents in discussion on child development and children's rights.

To inform parents on the various social services and community resources at their disposal.

To act as advocate to parents in difficulty.

To advise or inform the general public how to proceed in reporting suspected cases of child abuse.

This is a self-help group and we all work on a voluntary basis only. Our meetings are usually held at the West Ward C.L.S.C. in Pierrefonds, Quebec. Our meetings are conducted in English and French. Our counselling is also provided in both languages. We provide from our own homes a 24-hour telephone service for parents or children in crises situations.

Sponsoring Organization: None.

Duration: February 1979 - ongoing sessions.

Financing: None.

Further Correspondence to: Mrs. Emily Barber-Gareau,
Co-ordinator,
"Parents in Dialogue",
4847 Oka Crescent,
PIERREFONDS, Quebec.
H9K 1H6

Title: Family Day Care.

Status: Demonstration phase complete; program implemented.

Project Description:

To provide care in neighbourhood families for children whose parent(s) need some relief from the pressures of child care or to work to support the family. The aim is to prevent child abuse and to prevent the children being placed in full-time foster care.

Sponsoring Organization: Catholic Family and Children's Services Incorporated; Ville Marie Social Service Centre.

Duration: 1 year demonstration 1973-74.

Financing: Anonymous donor for the demonstration project; Ville Marie Social Service Centre for the continued program.

Further Correspondence to: Family Day Care - Report
available from the Director,
Community Resource Development
Division,
VMSSC,
4515 St. Catherine Street, West,
MONTREAL, Quebec.
H3Z 1R9

Title: Family Support Program.

Status: Demonstration project - in progress.

Project Description:

To develop the family's potential as the best resource for its own children; to strengthen and maintain the family unit during periods of crisis in order to prevent placement of children in substitute care, (outside their own nuclear or extended family).

Timely provision of support services can sustain and strengthen the functioning of families in crisis, thereby preventing further family disintegration, and rejection or placement of children.

The Family Support Unit workers provide direct supporters to the family in its own home, and especially during periods of daily stressful routines. They work at relieving immediate pressures within the family and enable the family to start developing its own emotional and physical supports.

The type of intervention provided by Family Support workers is related closely to social counselling and child care skills; it provides "on-the-spot" intervention, parent modelling, observation and assessment of family functioning in keeping with the overall treatment plan for the family.

Sponsoring Organization: Ville Marie Social Service Centre.

Duration: 1 year.

Financing: VMSSC.

Further Correspondence to: The Director,
CRDD,
Ville Marie Social Service
Centre,
4515 St. Catherine Street, West,
MONTREAL, Quebec.
H3Z 1R9

Title: Laval Police Department.

Project Description:

The Police Department in Laval has worked in cooperation with the community for two years in the "Block Parent" program with great success.

Further Correspondence to: Jules Charbonneau,
Director,
Service de la Police,
1, Place du Souvenir,
LAVAL, Quebec.
H7V 1W7

ONTARIO MATERIAL

Title: The Community Advisory Committee on Child Abuse.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

The goal of the project is to involve the community in a collaborative effort to achieve coordination and development of community services and resources for the prevention and treatment of child abuse in the Ottawa-Carleton region. To facilitate this process, a community organizer has been employed.

Sponsoring Organization: Community Advisory Committee on
Child Abuse.

Duration: August 1979 to July 1982.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of
Community and Social Services.

Further Correspondence to: Richard Priestman,
Community Organizer,
Community Advisory Committee on
Child Abuse,
155 Gilmour,
OTTAWA, Ontario.
K2P 0N8

Title: Family Court Clinic; Department of Psychiatry;
Kingston General Hospital.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

An outpatient clinical service of the Kingston General Hospital staffed by a psychiatrist, a psychologist and two social workers. Referrals are received from Provincial Court Judges (Family Division), lawyers, physicians, Children's Aid Societies and Probation/After Care Services. These pertain to issues involving children and families arising in Juvenile, Domestic and Child Welfare hearings. Approximately 17% of referrals involve Child Welfare court matters - either issues of neglect or abuse (physical or sexual). Assessments and recommendations are made to the courts and Children's Aid Societies. The clinic provides follow-up and treatment for children and families where appropriate. Active liaison is maintained with the local Child Abuse Team.

Financing: Children's Services Division; Ontario Ministry of
Community and Social Services.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. J.S. Leverette,
Director,
Family Court Clinic,
Kingston General Hospital,
24 Barrie Street,
KINGSTON, Ontario.
K7L 3J6

Title: Regent Park Demonstration Project.

Status: Demonstration Project - completed
Service - Ongoing.

Project Description:

A group work approach is used for meeting the nurturance needs of mothers whose children have been abused. The objectives of the program are to reduce the mothers' social isolation and to increase their ability to communicate appropriately to obtain help for themselves and their children.

The mothers meet weekly for four hours to talk about personal problems, and engage in a variety of craft activities while their children are either in day nursery or babysitters' homes.

The group has continued beyond its funded period and is functioning independently (i.e. without staff or financial backup) but with the assistance of two volunteers.

Sponsoring Organization: Toronto East Branch; The Children's Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto.

Duration: March 1, 1977 - March 1, 1978.

Financing: Child Abuse Program, Ontario; Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Further Correspondence to: Ms. Janet Haddock,
Toronto East Branch,
Children's Aid Society of
Metropolitan Toronto,
15 Huntley Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M4Y 2K9

Title: The Use of Parent Aides and Crisis Day Care Placements.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

Involves the use of Parent Aides to work with abusing and potentially abusing parents, as well as the use of day nurseries for crisis placement, as a method of intervening in high risk and abusive families. The project is supervised and coordinated by an interdisciplinary child abuse team.

Sponsoring Organization: The Children's Aid Society of Kingston and the County of Frontenac, on behalf of the Frontenac County Child Abuse Committee.

Duration: 1976 - ongoing.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Report: Third Interim Report, "The Use of Parent Aides and Crisis Day Care Placements by an Inter-disciplinary Child Abuse Team as Support Services for Battering and High Risk Families", April 1979.

Further Correspondence to: Mrs. Ruth Barton,
Co-ordinator,
Child Abuse Committee,
The Children's Aid Society,
239 Johnson Street,
KINGSTON, Ontario.
K7L 1Y6

Title: York Early Identification and Prevention Project.

Status: Part I: Ongoing.
Part II: Research and Evaluation Proposal in Progress.

Project Description:

Part I: The Project was designed to explore the potential usefulness of day care as an access point to children experiencing abuse and neglect, and to capitalize on the potential for a coordinated response by the care participating agencies. The resulting program has three distinct but related components: First, a universal medical, developmental, and family screening of every child entering Cradleship Creche programs. Second, individualized programing and response to identified needs of the child and parents. Third, a coordinated approach to assessment, planning and service delivery at both the case and program level.

The problem to which the York project is addressed has three aspects. First, there are children in the normal day care population whose situation requires special intervention or programing. The situations range from moderate to serious deficiencies in the caretaking system, with a considerable number of children either at risk of or experiencing abuse or neglect. To date, there has been little documentation of the extent of the need for intervention. Second, day care is an under-utilized resource in the detection, treatment and prevention of child abuse and neglect, all areas in which day care staff have a unique contribution to make. In general, child abuse and neglect programs have focussed on working with parents rather than on children or on parent-child interaction. Third, the lack of coordination of services to children and their families, widely identified in the social service literature in general and in the child abuse literature in particular, hampers the efforts of the Cradleship Creche and others involved with the child and the families to respond to identified needs in a holistic manner.

Part II: The research and evaluation component has four objectives: First, to provide a comprehensive description of the model and project in place. Second, to assess the extent to which the model is effective in general and with whom in particular, both in absolute and comparative terms. Third, to assess, if possible, the cost effectiveness relative to other kinds and degrees of intervention. Fourth,

to assess the value of day care settings as a point of entry in identification, treatment and prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Sponsoring Organization: Cradleship Creche; York Community Services; York Child and Adolescent Guidance Clinic, York Board of Health; Public Health Nursing Division, York Board of Health; Children's Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto; Catholic Children's Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto.

Duration: Part I: January, 1978 - ongoing.
Part II: Proposal Design: August 1979.

Financing: Part I: Funding for the Project provided by the sponsoring organizations.
Part II: Child Abuse Program, Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Further Correspondence to: Irene Kyle,
Executive Director,
Cradleship Creche,
48 Regent Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M6N 3N9

Title: Phone-In Service.

Status: Design Proposal Prepared and Ready for Funding Submission.

Project Description:

To provide a phone-in service for parents, using volunteers.

Sponsoring Organization: The Coordinating Committee for Child Abuse of the Children's Services Committee of the North York Interagency Council.

Duration: Design Proposal: Spring 1979 to September 1979.

Financing: Design Proposal: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Further Correspondence to: Joan McCausland,
Associate Medical Officer of Health,
City of North York,
5100 Yonge Street,
WILLOWDALE, Ontario.
M2N 5V7

Title: New Life.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

To demonstrate that life skills and psychodrama can bring about significant personal growth in child abusing and high-risk mothers with resulting improvement in parenting practices.

Sponsoring Organization: The Coordinating Committee for
Child Abuse of the Children's
Services Committee of the North
York Interagency Council.

Duration: September 1979 to June 30, 1980.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of
Community and Social Services.

Further Correspondence to: Joan McCausland,
Associate Medical Officer of
Health,
Department of Public Health,
City of North York,
5100 Yonge Street,
WILLOWDALE, Ontario.
M2N 5V7

Title: The Development of Guidelines and Procedures for Identifying and Managing Child Abuse and Neglect Cases in Toronto Schools.

Project Description:

A set of guidelines and procedures for teachers and school administrators for managing child abuse and neglect in Toronto schools. It is intended that the document be used as a base for multi-disciplinary staff development programs throughout the system, to heighten awareness of child abuse and to outline the legal responsibilities and protection afforded school personnel under the Child Welfare Act.

Sponsoring Organization: The Board of Education for the City of Toronto.

Duration: August 1977 to present.

Financing: Funding for multi-disciplinary staff development from Child Abuse Program, Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Report: Child Abuse and Neglect - Guidelines and Procedures for Identifying and Managing child Abuse and Neglect Cases in Toronto Schools.

Further Correspondence to: Greg McClare,
Chief Social Worker,
Student Services,
The Board of Education for the
City of Toronto,
155 College Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M5T 1P6

Title: The Family Volunteer as a Change Agent in
Reducing Problems in High Risk Families.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

The use of volunteers to provide social and emotional support to parents of prematurely-born infants considered in situations of high risk, and to enhance the mother's parenting skills. Second phase is broadened in terms of the number of families, the geographical area and the types of communities involved.

This project will utilize volunteers to offer friendly and practical assistance to families with newborns. It is an attempt to provide extra support to new mothers during the post-natal period, a period when few services have been available in the past.

The project will include a wide cross-section of mothers in the evaluation study in order to:

- a) determine whether the service is practical and whether it is effective in relation to the well-being of the mother and child; and
- b) develop information about what kinds of families may most need, or most benefit from a program like this or other programs that might be offered to new mothers in the future.

Half of the families involved in the study will receive a volunteer, and half will not. Six months and one year after entering the study, participants will be asked to complete questionnaires concerning their experiences. As part of the data-gathering, medical charts of the mother and child will be reviewed.

Sponsoring Organization: The University of Western Ontario,
and Victoria/War Memorial
Children's Hospitals.

Duration: Three years, to be completed in 1980.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of
Community and Social Services.

Further Correspondence to: Ms. Michelle Sullivan,
Health Care Research Unit,
First Floor, C.F.C. Building,
The University of Western
Ontario,
LONDON, Ontario.
N6A 5B8

Title: Parenting for Teens and Children.

Status: Phase I: Pilot project completed.
Phase II: Continuation of Project plus involvement of Sudbury Secondary School with Chelmsford Valley District Composite School.

Project Description:

Phase I: To test the feasibility and impact of teaching secondary school students about child development and parenting through classroom and field experiences.

Phase II: This phase of the project will focus on teaching an understanding of child development, and learning for effective parenting, to high school students in Sudbury Secondary Municipality. The project will continue at Chelmsford Valley District Composite School, and (to provide adequate numbers of experimental subjects) be extended to about the same number of students in one urban high school - Sudbury Secondary School.

The project will rely on child development segments, parenting segments, and related segments of a family and child course, to be taught in the broader context of the family studies program taught at the two schools. The project involves a field placement for the students enrolled in the course. An evaluation component from 1979-81 is part of the project.

Sponsoring Organization: Steering Committee representing the Sudbury-Manitoulin Children's Aid Society, Sudbury Family Court, Sudbury Child Abuse Committee, Ontario Ministry of Education, Chelmsford Valley District Composite School, and the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Duration: Phase I: February 1979 to June 1979.
Phase II: September 1979 for two to three years.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of
Community and Social Services.

Report: Phase I: "Parenting for Teens and Children
(Implementation Phase 1979-80). Progress Report
to Date in the Proposal for Extension Within the
Two High Schools".

Further Correspondence to: Mr. J. Drago,
Principal,
Chelmsford Valley District
Composite School, and Chairman,
Steering Committee,
Box 489,
CHELMSFORD, Ontario.
POM 1L0

Title: The Demonstration and Evaluation of the Use of
Nurse Practitioners in a Children's Aid Society.

Status: Project Design in progress.

Project Description:

This proposal grant was to prepare a detailed rationale for the need and potential of nurse practitioners' involvement in Children's Aid Society work, and to describe and evaluate the role of the nurse practitioner in the delivery of services to allegedly abused children and their families.

Sponsoring Organization: Catholic Children's Aid Society of
Metropolitan Toronto.

Duration: Project Design - 1978-79.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of
Community and Social Services.

Further Correspondence to: Mr. Anthony Zichy,
Catholic Children's Aid Society
of Metropolitan Toronto,
26 Maitland Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M4Y 1C6

Title: Management of Sexually Abused Children.

Status: Project Design in progress.

Project Description:

An interagency, interprofessional approach to improved management of sexually abused children identified at the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children.

Sponsoring Organization: Toronto Hospital for Sick Children.

Duration: Project Design - 1978-79.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. Robert Bates,
Director, Child Abuse Team,
Hospital for Sick Children,
555 University Avenue,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M5G 1X8

Title: Patterns of Adaptation from Childhood to Adulthood.

Status: Phases I-III - Completed.
Phase IV - In Progress.

Project Description:

Phases I-III: This project covered the follow-up of subjects drawn from a population of children longitudinally studied between 1925 and 1933. The early records of those children were used to characterize adaptation at home and in school. Intensive interviews and psychological testing were combined to portray the later life adaptation. Adaptation was defined as a complex process involving psychological capacities, social skills, environmental demands and the fit between individual qualities and those demands.

Findings from this exploration point to a complex pattern of variables related to both the consistency and change of behavior through time. What emerged from this study was the need for increased appreciation of the possibilities that:

1. personal change can occur throughout an individual's life;
2. the meaning of events experienced must be known;
3. the continuity evident on one level or dimension of a person's life space may not be relevant to another; and
4. misfortune may facilitate growth and positive change.

Phase IV: The previously reported phases of follow-up have been an attempt to relate patterns of adaptation to various challenges in childhood to coping strategies, health and self-esteem in adulthood. It was not ascertained in previous investigations if the way those children were disciplined and treated influenced their subsequent child-rearing behavior. Nor were the offspring of those subjects scrutinized to learn about the possibility of inter-generational transmission of behavior patterns. The fourth phase of the Life Span Adaptation Project is an attempt to gain insight into those areas in an effort to help better understand nature and conditions associated with child abuse. The objectives of this phase are to expand the number

of cases involved in the study and determine the feasibility of studying through time families that had two or more children that were involved at the same time in the original investigation.

Sponsoring Organization: Institute of Child Study;
University of Toronto.

Duration: Phases I-III - 1974-1978.
Phase IV - 1979-1980.

Financing: Phases I-III - Ontario Mental Health Foundation
and the Laidlaw Foundation.
Phase IV - Child Abuse Program; Ontario
Ministry of Community and Social
Services.

Report: Phases I-III: "Patterns of Adaptation from
Childhood to Later Life. A Fifty Year Follow-up
of the Canadian National Committee for Mental
Hygiene Study of Person-Environment Interaction.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. Richard Volpe,
Institute of Child Study,
University of Toronto,
45 Walmer Road,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M5R 2X2

Title: Inter-faculty Child Abuse Project.

Status: Phase I: Completed.
Phase II: In Progress.

Project Description:

Phase I: The University of Toronto has developed a multidisciplinary course to train school-based personnel to detect and deal with problems of child abuse. The Faculties of Education, Nursing, and Social Work collaborated in the development, demonstration, and evaluation of an interdisciplinary training program for both prospective and practising school teachers, social workers, and public health nurses dealing with child abuse. This interdisciplinary program was a response to the need to provide services to the nearly fifty per cent of abused children and children at risk who are of school age.

The curriculum covers the incidence of abuse in Ontario, children's rights, history of childhood, values clarification, identification and differentiation of terms of child abuse, investigation, reporting and referral, policy revision, and prevention. Interprofessional communication and team-building skills are fostered in this program.

The 250 education, nursing, and social work students who served as participants were volunteers from basic and continuing education at the University of Toronto. All students in these programs had an opportunity to join the study. Groups on both levels of training were randomly created from the pool of volunteers from the three university facilities. Participants in these divisions were again randomly divided into training and non-training groups. Basic studies students in education, nursing and social work, and post basic training students from the same divisions received the demonstration course. The students in the non-training group were provided all duplicated curriculum materials and an opportunity to view all audio-visual materials at the end of the project.

The overall development and careful evaluation of this program provided a unique contrast of pre and post basic professional training. This information will contribute to a clarification of the perceived disparity between theory and practice. In addition, this project will contribute to the design of university-based interprofessional training programs in the area of human services.

Phase II: One outcome of the study was the expansion of the project committee for the years 1979-80 to include representatives from the Faculties of Law and Medicine. The focus of the upcoming proposed program will involve the discipline specific development of curriculum material that will be added to the largely experiential inter-professional program developed during the previous year.

Sponsoring Organization: The University of Toronto.

Duration: Phase I: 1978-1979.
Phase II: 1979-1980.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of
Community and Social Services.

Report: Phase I: "The Development and Evaluation of a
Training Program for School-Based Professionals
Dealing with Child Abuse. The University of
Toronto Inter-faculty Child Abuse Prevention
Project 1978-79. Final Report".

Further Correspondence to: Dr. Richard Volpe,
Institute of Child Study,
University of Toronto,
45 Walmer Road,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M5R 2X2

Title: Interdisciplinary Team Approaches to the Problem of Child Abuse.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

This project is designed to examine child abuse treatment teams and community planning groups functioning in Ontario.

Sponsoring Organization: Faculty of Social Work; The University of Toronto.

Duration: January 1979 to July 1, 1980.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. Sidney Olyan,
Associate Professor,
Faculty of Social Work,
University of Toronto,
246 Bloor Street West,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M5S 1A1

Title: Therapies for Child Abuse - A Comparative Evaluation.

Status: Phase I: Planning and Development - completed.
Phase II: Implementation - in progress.

Project Description:

This project is designed to examine the relative effectiveness of two treatment strategies in reducing abusive behavior between the mother and child. The two treatment strategies are:

1. video feedback parenting effectiveness training; and
2. a modified self-help group with professional facilitators.

Treatment will be undertaken for nine months and will involve 96 families, including a control group of 48 families. Treatment effectiveness will be evaluated by a comparison of psychological tests and through evaluation of mother-child behavior and family interaction using video tape observation.

Sponsoring Organization: West End Creche (Principal Agency)
Children's Aid Society of
Metropolitan Toronto; Catholic
Children's Aid Society of
Metropolitan Toronto; Metro Day
Nursery Programs; Hospital for Sick
Children (Department of
Psychiatry).

Duration: Phase I: December 1978 to October 1979.
Phase II: January 1980 to March 1982.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of
Community and Social Services.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. Michael Thompson,
Executive Director,
West End Creche,
197 Euclid Avenue,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M6J 2J8

Title: Parent-Aide Volunteers.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

This project involves the use of trained volunteers to work with one family at a time to provide support, direction, modelling or alternative forms of child management.

Sponsoring Organization: The Child and Crisis Committee of Renfrew County, and Children's Services of Renfrew County.

Duration: March 1978 to October 1980.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Report: Available on completion of project.

Further Correspondence to: Darlene Aikens,
Casework Supervisor,
Family and Children's Services,
1219 Pembroke Street East,
PEMBROKE, Ontario.

Title: Nurture.

Status: Design development of a researchable model in progress.

Project Description:

Using the resources of concerned agencies and interested church persons, this project proposes to discover, select and prepare family units preferably in the neighbourhood environment who, with mutual support and careful matching, will assist parents and/or children in situations of actual, potential and high risk of child abuse.

The selected volunteer families would assist professionals in parenting the parents of abused or potentially abused children, would be "uncles and aunts" to abused children and would provide effective role models in the transmission of parenting skills to client families.

A distinctive characteristic of this project is the plan to work in conjunction with the church. The clergy's awareness of mature, nurturing families in the community provides the necessary resource for this project. Further, the clergy would provide a source of support for the fostering families. The group of clergy involved in this project believes that people who have never experienced the love of their fellowman cannot view themselves as persons of worth, value and dignity. The project is designed to meet this need.

Sponsoring Organization: Children's Aid Society of Brant;
Brant County District Health Unit;
Brantford and District Ministerial
Association; Roman Catholic Deanery
of Brant County.

Duration: Proposal design: April 1979 to March 1980.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of
Community and Social Services.

Further Correspondence to: Mr. Robert H. Tait,
Director of Resource Development,
Director of Child Abuse Program,
Children's Aid Society of Brant,
70 Chatham Street,
BRANTFORD, Ontario.
N3T 5R7

Title: Parents Anonymous.

Status: First two phases completed; third phase incomplete.

Project Description:

An assessment of the Parents Anonymous mutual and self-help concepts and methods of its effectiveness.

Sponsoring Organization: Interprofessional Project Committee representing the Hospital for Sick Children, the Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto, and Metro Toronto Parents Anonymous;

(Third Phase to include the sponsorship of the Metro Toronto Social Planning Council, as well as those listed above).

Duration: Phases I-II: 1977 to end of June 1979.
Phase III: funding proposal under consideration.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Report: Final report not yet available.

Further Correspondence to: Shirley Stinson, Director,
Department of Social Work,
Hospital for Sick Children,
555 University Avenue,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M5G 1X8

Title: The Supportive Home Helper in the Treatment of
Child Abuse - An Alternative Approach.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

The use of trained supportive home helpers to work directly with mothers who have physically abused children. The home helpers function as an adjunct to the intervention of the social work treatment team. This project utilizes in-home observation, and pre-post test designs to measure change in the families over time.

Sponsoring Organization: Family and Children's Services of
Waterloo Region, and Wilfrid
Laurier University.

Duration: Phase I: May 1977 to April 1978.
Phase II: August 1979 to January 1981.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of
Community and Social Services.

Report: "Utilization of Support Staff in Abusing
Families".

Further Correspondence to: Cathie Patterson,
Family and Children's Services,
355 Charles Street,
KITCHENER, Ontario.
N2G 2P8

Title: Parent Education Program.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

The development of a Parent Education Resource Centre in which to educate high risk families in the care of their children.

Sponsoring Organization: Catholic Children's Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto.

Duration: May 1979 to May 1980.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Report: Available upon completion of project.

Further Correspondence to: Mrs. Winifred Koneri,
Director of Foster Care
Resources,
Catholic Children's Aid Society
of Metropolitan Toronto,
200 Sheppard Avenue East
WILLOWDALE, Ontario.

Title: Bricks and Balloons.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

The production of an animated sixty-second TV mental health message on parent-child communication. This video is designed to heighten awareness in communication that there are positive alternatives in how to relate to children. A research study is being implemented in London, Ontario to assess the effectiveness of this medium.

Sponsoring Organization: Dellcrest Children's Centre.

Duration: Spring 1979 to January 1980.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Report: Available upon completion of project.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. Donna Shoom-Kirsch,
Director,
Training and Prevention Program,
Dellcrest Children's Centre,
1645 Sheppard Avenue West,
DOWNSVIEW, Ontario.

Title: Training Volunteers (To work with abusing families).

Status: Initial stages.

Project Description:

In the first year of the project an attempt will be made:

- a) to demonstrate through active program and evaluation that volunteers can be recruited, trained, and assigned to work with abusing families for a reasonable amount of time;
- b) that under her/his guidance, the volunteer can supplement the work of the Children's Aid Social Worker.

The second phase will involve impact research and attempt to discover if volunteers' involvement can help to alleviate the loneliness and isolation often experienced by abusing families. It will also attempt to discover if their visits with specific assistance and guidance can help stimulate the family to better functioning, especially in the care of children.

Sponsoring Organization: The Child Abuse Prevention Committee of Lanark County.

Duration: Beginning July 1, 1979, for one to three years.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Further Correspondence to: Co-ordinator,
Volunteer Project,
Child Abuse Prevention Committee,
33 Craig Street,
PERTH, Ontario.
K7H 1X8

Title: Prediction of Parenting Skills in Primary Care.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

The basis for the study is the belief that inadequate parenting skills, the extreme forms of which are child abuse or neglect, are amenable to early detection and treatment. The family physician is ideally suited to assume this detection role because he or she has continuous contact with the family from the mother's first trimester of pregnancy, potentially, to the child's adolescence period. Family physicians have been slow to identify problem parenting and a lack of simple, efficient methods for identifying high risk parents is one reason for the family physician's low sensitivity to inadequate parenting. Retrospective studies have reported increased risk of child abuse and neglect in the presence of many demographic and family-related variables.

This project involves measuring a number of these variables in a large sample of women during the third trimester of pregnancy. The sample will be followed up during the child's first 18 months of infancy. Selected outcomes will include the occurrence of child abuse, neglect and accidental injury. More sensitive outcome measures, made up of home interviews and observations, taken by trained personnel using standardized instruments, will be applied to a smaller, randomly selected sub-sample. The intent of the study is to determine how well risk factors, measured during the third trimester, predict poor parenting with the ultimate aim simple, self-administered questionnaire to adequately fulfil this role.

Sponsoring Organization: McMaster University Medical Centre.

Duration: Feasibility Study: September 1979 - March 1980;
Implementation: 2-3 years.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of
Community and Social Services.

Further Correspondence to: John Shearman, M.D.,
Room 2V13,
McMaster University Medical
Centre,
1200 Main Street West,
HAMILTON, Ontario.
L8S 4J9

Title: The Social Worker as a Courtroom Witness.

Status: Completed.

Project Description: FILM.

To demonstrate the procedure and special problems encountered by the social worker testifying as an expert witness. The film demonstrates and follows through two specific trial procedures:

1. The social worker testifying in the case of a Child Welfare application for Crown wardship as a result of child abuse;
2. The social worker testifying in a manslaughter case in which a parent is charged with the death of his/her child.

This film presents a standard for the necessary preparation for a Court hearing, outlines what evidence is admissible, deals with Court procedure and the problems encountered by the expert witness as the defence counsel attempts to destroy the credibility of the witness.

It is commented by a social worker and a provincial Court Judge from the community of Windsor.

Sponsoring Organization: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services, and Community Law Program, University of Windsor Faculty of Law.

Duration: December 1978 to April 1979.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Report: Pamphlet accompanying film - "Be on Alert for Child Abuse" - Written and Researched by Lesley Tharen, 10 pp. Videotape - "The Social Worker as a Courtroom Witness".

Further Correspondence to: Dolores J. Blonde,
Co-ordinator of Programs,
c/o Legal Assistance of Windsor,
85 Wyandotte Street West,
WINDSOR, Ontario.
N8A 5W6

Title: Typology Study of Child Abuse.

Status: Research proposal - completed.
Feasibility stage - in progress.

Project Description:

An exhaustive questionnaire plus standardized tests are planned for child-abusing parents and for a control group composed of non-abusing families whose involvement with the agency is on a voluntary or mandatory basis. The feasibility stage consists of determining, on the basis of a small group of families, the amount of time workers require to complete information on the family, the amount of time the families require to take the standardized tests as well as the discriminative value of the instruments. Thus far 10 abusing families and 9 non-abusing families have been interviewed and tested. The information from the questionnaire will be used to provide a more objective assessment of the families (i.e. case worker's evaluations).

Sponsoring Organization: Children's Aid Society of
Metropolitan Toronto.

Duration: Feasibility study - September 1978 to January
1980.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of
Community and Social Services.

Further Correspondence to: C.A. Colby, M.A.,
c/o R.L. Rodensky,
Children's Aid Society of
Metropolitan Toronto,
33 Charles Street East,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M4Y 1R9

Title: Failure to Thrive Research Project.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

Eight families of infants with the failure-to-thrive syndrome were divided randomly into a treatment group and a control group.

The treatment families were seen for intensive family therapy in their homes over a six-month period.

Several objective scales of treatment effectiveness were administered to the eight families at the beginning and conclusion of the six-month period.

All of the families and infants had improved by the end of the study. The differences between the treatment group and the control group were not statistically significant.

Sponsoring Organization: Toronto East General Hospital,
Mental Health Clinic.

Duration: September 1976 to August 1978.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of
Community and Social Services.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. D.V. Edwards,
377 Vaughan Road,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M6C 2N5

Title: Child Abuse and Neglect: A Network Approach in a Rural Community.

Status: Demonstration in progress.

Project Description:

In a rural community with the paucity of human service resources existing agencies are unable to realistically provide counselling and support to families at high risk for child abuse and neglect.

The purpose of the demonstration is:

- a) To verify the utility and scope of network intervention as a modality of choice to do preventive education in a rural community.
- b) To identify, develop and utilize the intra-group self-help potential of the selected population.
- c) To devise and experiment with an alternate packaging of services to provide help to families at high risk for child neglect and abuse in a more effective and economical manner in a rural area.

In an attempt to promote self-help around the problem of child neglect and abuse, indigenous volunteers are recruited and trained for the purpose of identifying, intervening and preventing situations of neglect and abuse.

Sponsoring Organization: Committee on Child Neglect and Abuse of Prescott/Russell.

Duration: September 1978 to March 1979; extended for 1980.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Further Correspondence to: George O'Connor,
Project Coordinator,
Children's Aid Society of
Prescott/Russell,
Box 248,
PLANTAGENET, Ontario.
K0B 1L0

Title: Community Child Abuse Team Project.

Status: In Progress.

Project Description:

The objectives are:

1. to provide integrated, continuous and effective services to all children (and their families) in the region suffering non-accidental injuries; and
2. to increase public awareness of the problem and understanding of the Community Child Abuse Team (CCAT) program in order to make efficient use of services.

All confirmed and suspected abuse cases are managed through a 3-phase program; each phase is managed by a specialized team. An acute-care team gives immediate assistance to community professionals (doctors, nurses, police, teachers etc.) identifying suspected abuse, by assessing the problem and managing the imminent crisis for both child and parents. A continuing-care team takes over the monitoring and procuring of essential services for child and family at the earliest practicable time. A case-management team acts as linkage between the acute and continuing care phases; it plans long-term strategies and selects the continuing care worker; it also reviews each case at regular intervals for at least 12 months. A full-time paid coordinator facilitates and expedites the work of these teams. Task-specific training of team members and education of significant publics (potential identifiers) are important components of the program.

The project is under the auspices of an independent Council, composed of senior administrators from all agencies (child protection, police, court, social services, hospitals, education) providing services to children in the region. Research tasks include:

1. assessing the efficiency of the "coordinated community" model of service delivery;
2. assessing the impact of these services on children and families; and

3. adding to knowledge about the problem of child-abuse in the region.

Sponsoring Organization: The Council on Child Abuse,
Hamilton/Wentworth Region.

Duration: January 1979 to present.

Financing: Ontario Ministry of Community and Social
Services.

Further Correspondence to: Superintendent George Frid,
Chairman, Council on Child Abuse,
c/o Hamilton/Wentworth Regional
Police,
King William Street,
HAMILTON, Ontario.

Title: Families for Families.

Status: Developmental and Demonstration Phases -
completed.
Data Analysis and Final Report - in progress.

Project Description:

To demonstrate the feasibility and effectiveness of linking a child abusing or high risk family with a stable family from the community whose members are trained to act as a nurturing, extended family support system to the family under stress such as grandparents, other relatives or neighbours did in old-fashioned families or communities. The project aims to prevent or reduce recidivism of child abuse, to improve parental self-esteem, to decrease the family's social isolation, to improve the parents' quality of care of their children, and to improve the parents' ability to cope with crisis. The match provides a natural vehicle for role modelling in parent-child marital and social relationships. The community family reaches out regularly to the needy family, provides advice in child management, relieves the parents from child care during a crisis or as required, and introduces the parents working as part of a team with the assigned social worker and project staff. The research strategy evaluates the process of service implementation as well as its effectiveness.

Sponsoring Organization: 1) Advisory Committee, Ottawa
Child Abuse Demonstration Project;
2) Project is housed in the
Ottawa/Carleton Children's Aid
Society.

Duration: November 1, 1976 - November 1, 1979.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of
Community and Social Services.

Report: Available Fall/Winter, 1979-80 from funding
source.

Further Correspondence to: Ms. Sheila Baslaw,
Trainer/Consultant,

OR

Ms. Rona Shaffran,
Research/Evaluator,
Ottawa Child Abuse Demonstration
Project,
1370 Bank Street,
OTTAWA, Ontario.
K1H 7Y3

Title: Early Childhood Educators' and Private Home Day-Care Providers' Knowledge, Attitudes and Experiences Related to Child Abuse.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

The major objectives of this project were:

1. To investigate current knowledge and attitudes about child abuse among early childhood educators and private home day-care providers in Ontario.
2. To learn how much contact early childhood care-givers presently have with the problem of child abuse.
3. To determine how effectively early childhood educators' professional education and in-service training have prepared them to make a positive contribution towards identifying and referring, treating and preventing child abuse.
4. To examine any specific problems or difficulties early childhood educators and PHDC providers may currently have which prevent them from acting effectively in this regard.
5. To make recommendations based on the information gathered which can be used by colleges and universities, teacher training institutions, the Child Abuse Committee of the Ministry of Community and Social Services and others to enhance and support the positive role early childhood educators and PHOC providers can have in the area of child abuse.

A mailed survey approach, employing a disproportionately stratified sample was used. Analyses were based on the responses of 403 Early Childhood Education teachers and 179 Family Home Day Care providers from throughout the province of Ontario.

Sponsoring Organization: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services; University of Guelph.

Duration: April 1, 1977 to August 31, 1978.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of
Community and Social Services.

Report: Early Childhood Educators' and Private Home Day-
care Providers' Knowledge, Attitudes and Experi-
ences Related to Child Abuse. By D.S. Lero,
Ph.D. and Susan de Rijcke Lollis, M.S., 210 pp.
Summary of a report on (printed separately)
12 pp.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. Donna S. Lero,
Department of Family Studies,
University of Guelph,
GUELPH, Ontario.
N1G 2W1

Title: Development of a Curriculum Module on Child Abuse
for Human Service Professionals.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

Development of a core curriculum module on child abuse and neglect for use in pre-service training in community college and university programs throughout Canada, and as a basis for in-service training workshops, regional seminars and continuing education courses. Specialized units for early childhood educators, mental retardation counsellors, child care workers, social service workers, teachers and nurses will follow. (Development through July 1979).

Field-testing of core curriculum and specialized units to begin September 1979.

Sponsoring Organization: Child Abuse Program; Ontario
Ministry of Community and Social
Services; University of Guelph;
Conestoga College, Kitchener,
Ontario.

Duration: January 1979 - March 1980.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of
Community and Social Services.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. Donna S. Lero,
Department of Family Studies,
University of Guelph,
GUELPH, Ontario.
N1G 2W1

Title: Home Accidents and Injuries Study (H.A.I.S.).

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

A hospital-based study of child abuse and neglect. Goals are the identification and improved reporting of cases of suspected abuse and neglect and the stimulation of innovative programs of therapy and practical help for families in which abuse and/or neglect is identified.

Recognizing that emergency rooms often function under considerable pressure because of cramped quarters, inadequate equipment and lack of staff, the ideal reporting system would convey a few basic facts with a minimum of paper work for doctors and nurses. A specially designed form, on brightly coloured paper, provided a checklist of points helpful in the identification of possible abuse or neglect cases, with space for the child's name, address, birthdate and sex on one side of the card and, turning it over, space for comments by the investigating doctor and/or social worker.

This project developed as a result of well-documented problems of under-reporting cases of child abuse or neglect.

Sponsoring Organization: School of Social Work, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario.

Duration: March 5, 1973 - August 1974.

Financing: Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Report: The Home Accidents and Injuries Study (H.A.I.S.)
Cyril Greenland and Ellen Rosenblatt, 81 pp.

Further Correspondence to: Ministry of Community and Social Services,
Queen's Park,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Title: Report of the Task Force on Child Abuse.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

The focus of the Task Force was directed at the care-taking and protective services provided by Children's Aid Societies. Particular attention was paid to identifying abusive situations and the means available to offer short-term or continued protection to children.

Duration: February to June 1978.

Financing: Task Force Initiated and Funded by Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Report: "Report of the Task Force on Child Abuse".
Copies available from: Ontario Provincial Bookstore.

Further Correspondence to: Ralph Garber, Chairman,
Dean, Faculty of Social Work,
University of Toronto,
246 Bloor Street West,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M5S 1A1

Title: Church Street Pilot Project.

Status: Seminars - completed.
Evaluation - in progress.
Curriculum Guidelines - in progress.

Project Description:

The Committee of the Church Street Pilot Project, an interdisciplinary and interagency committee, developed the seminar concept to assist both parents and school personnel to better understand effective parenting and as a by-product to begin to up-date a present curriculum guide on parenting, for use with high school students.

Although it was recognized that the question of child abuse was one of primary concern, the seminar focus was generally on parenting and an effort was made to help individuals understand themselves in relation to parenting and to help them develop constructive methods for managing their children and dealing with stress, anger and so on. The low-key approach was used to encourage the attendance of teachers, staff and parents from both the school and the day care centre located in the school, as well as the public health nurse, social worker and so on. Babysitting was made available and supper was provided at the beginning of each session.

Pre- and post-telephone interview with all participants, as well as a brief paper-and-pencil questionnaire, are providing the means of identifying the critical elements of the program, which drew the participants, kept them and possibly influenced their future behavior.

Presenters at the seminars were also interviewed to obtain their views, particularly with reference to working with the multi-disciplinary heterogeneous groups of participants.

Sponsoring Organization: The Board of Education for the City of Toronto.

Duration: Seminar ran weekly, April 18 to June 6, 1979; evaluation, analyses and report preparation to be completed early Fall 1979; curriculum guidelines to be completed Fall 1979.

Financing: Federation of Women Teachers through the Hospital
for Sick Children and the Child Abuse Program,
Ontario Ministry of Community and Social
Services.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. E. Wright,
Educational Research Officer.

AND/OR

Ms. Gloria Torrance,
Consultant on Health Education,
The Board of Education for the
City of Toronto,
155 College Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M5T 1P6

Title: Child Abuse Demonstration Project in the
Counties of Grey and Bruce.

Status: Project Design in progress.

Project Description:

This project is to look at improvement of the
identification, treatment and prevention of child abuse in a
rural community with limited resources.

Sponsoring Organization: Grey/Bruce Child Abuse Committee.

Duration: Design Phase: April 1979 to January 1980.

Financing: Design Phase: Child Abuse Program; Ontario
Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Further Correspondence to: Michael McCabe,
Children's and Adolescent's Unit,
Department of Psychiatry,
General and Marine Hospital,
Box 600,
OWEN SOUND, Ontario.
N4K 5H3

Title: Child Abuse Kit.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

This project involved the preparation of an educational kit dealing with identifying signs of abuse, what to do in abuse situations, legislation, and what occurs when a report is made. The kit also included a number of pamphlets and articles, and some 250 were distributed to health, law enforcement, child welfare and educational institutions.

Sponsoring Organization: Grey-Bruce Child Abuse Committee.

Duration: 1976-1978.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of
Community and Social Services.

Further Correspondence to: Carol Hendershot,
Bruce County Children's Aid
Society,
208 Scott Street,
WALKERTON, Ontario.

Title: Social Interaction Program.

Status: Planning Stages.

Project Description:

The objective of this project is to teach parents to identify behaviors in their children and to learn appropriate methods for changing their children's behavior. The plan is to undertake a feasibility study, where treatment and evaluation would occur concurrently. This program would be a resource to front-line staff. Presently, the program is in a preliminary stage with respect to concept development and implementation plans; further negotiations await closure on these matters.

Sponsoring Organization: Thistletown Regional Centre; 51
Panorama Court; Rexdale Ontario
Etobicoke Branch; Children's Aid
Society of Metropolitan Toronto
Catholic Children's Aid Society;
Toronto, Ontario; Children's Aid
Society of Metro Toronto -
Involvement under negotiation.

Duration: Undetermined.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of
Community and Social Services (if proposal is
accepted).

Further Correspondence to:

Program concept: S. Stein, Ph.D.,
Thistletown Regional Centre
51 Panorama Court,
REXDALE, Ontario.
M9V 4L8

Agency involvement: Branch Director,
Etobicoke Branch,
Children's Aid Society of
Metropolitan Toronto,
1243 Islington Avenue,
M8X 1Y9

Title: Demonstration Project to Strengthen Parenting Skills and Reduce Stress.

Status: Design phase.

Project Description:

The concept of the demonstration project is one where goals on several levels are aimed at: 1) the strengthening of parenting skills; 2) the reduction of stress and consequently; 3) the reduction of child abuse and the enhancement of child welfare and family life generally.

A principal goal is to identify service strategies which are adaptable to the needs of a rural service area and which might be adaptable to the needs of rural communities generally. The concept of the demonstration is to establish a program in or on more experimental communities with these features:

- a) Deliver parenting skills, training, and supportive services for parents in the rural neighbourhood or in the home itself.
- b) Identify and enhance natural helping networks that may aid in the development or reinforcement of parenting skills.
- c) Parents and children served by the project would include parents and children identified as in "at risk" situations, as well as the broader population of rural parents. Emphasis given to provision of services to parents of pre-school and early school-age children.

Sponsoring Organization: The Child Abuse Committee of Simcoe County.

Duration: Design phase - April 1 - October 31, 1979.
Start-up phase - (After ComSoc approval)
January 1 - June 30, 1980.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Further Correspondence to: David A. Gordon,
Co-Chairperson,
Simcoe County Child Abuse
Committee,
Family and Children's Services,
County Administration Centre,
MIDHURST, Ontario.
LOL 1X0

Title: Foster Parent Education Program.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

The purpose of this program is to facilitate foster parents with the task of fostering to help them understand the behavior and needs of children, to develop child management techniques to manage the behavior of the children, and to promote or enhance the development of the child.

A number of courses are sponsored and run from six to ten sessions, dealing with understanding the behavior of children at various stages including the preschooler, the school-age child, and the adolescent. The courses are also designed to help foster parents understand and relate to the natural parents of the child; to focus on the separation trauma that the child experiences when they leave their own family; and to focus on the working relationship with agency staff.

Sponsoring Organization: Catholic Children's Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto.

Duration: 1971 - ongoing.

Financing: Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Report: "Foster Parent Education Program".

Further Correspondence to: Mrs. Winifred Koneri,
Director of Foster Care
Resources,
Catholic Children's Aid Society
of Metropolitan Toronto,
200 Sheppard Avenue East
WILLOWDALE, Ontario.

Title: An Unexplained Injury.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

A series of seven 16 mm films (or video-cassettes) and training manuals to be used as a total package for professionals dealing with the problem of child abuse. These programs are designed for training the professions in the recognition and reporting of child abuse. They emphasize:

- the signs of physical abuse;
- the signs of psychological abuse;
- the economic and social circumstances that contribute to abuse;
- the legal and moral responsibility of professionals who recognize a suspected case;
- the skill of conducting a confronting interview with parents of a suspected abused child that leads to further professional intervention;
- the importance of co-operation between the primary contact professions (police, Children's Aid workers, physicians) in the first stages of intervention;
- the continuing role of Community and Social Service professionals in the long term.

The training manuals are designed for the use of the trainer or instructor. They provide detailed plans for a training session using the films. The session plans have been prepared to provide the trainee with the greatest opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to put this information into practice. The session plans emphasize behavior rehearsal techniques, giving trainees practice opportunities. They include a method for obtaining continuing self-evaluation in the field. They also underline the need for local cooperation and coordination of professionals dealing with child abuse by involving local members of related professions as resource people in the training sessions.

Films include:

"An Unexplained Injury"	31 minutes
"The Pre-School Abused Child"	12 minutes
"The Abused Child in School"	14 minutes
"The Police and the Abused Child"	12 minutes
"The Abused Child and the Children's Aid Society"	25 minutes
"Working Together"	19½ minutes
"Medical Diagnosis: Child Abuse"	28 minutes

Sponsoring Organization: An interdisciplinary committee consisting of the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children, the Children's Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto, the Child Abuse Program, Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services, and the University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine, Division of Instructional Media.

Duration: 1976 - May 1979.

Financing: Child Abuse Program; Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Report: Summary booklet, "An Unexplained Injury", which contains a brief description of each film. Trainers' manuals. "You and the Abused Child", available through the Child Abuse Program, Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Further Correspondence to: Robert Gilder,
Head of Television,
Instructional Media Services,
Faculty of Medicine,
University of Toronto,
Medical Sciences Building,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M5S 1A8

Films available from: City Films Distribution Limited,
376 Wellington Street West,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M5V 1B3

Title: Post-Natal Maternal-Infant Follow-up Program.

Status: Under development.

Project Description:

Within four to seven days following discharge from hospital, approximately 1800 mothers would be contacted about: 1) parent/child adjustment in the home situation; and 2) reinforcement of availability of community resources and support systems.

The project objectives are: To make assessments related to the fourth trimester; to reinforce previous health education and to provide additional teaching as needed; to refer clients to community resources; to provide feedback to staff about the effectiveness of the in-hospital health teaching program.

Following initial hospital evaluation of history problems, and discharge planning, the follow-up call is planned with each patient. Initial outside contact will be made by telephone within one week of discharge. At this time, questionnaire and summary will be completed. The interviewer, an individual with obstetric experience and interviewing skills, will communicate these results to appropriate medical and nursing staff and also include the results in the chart. Statistics will be collated during the stated period of time.

Sponsoring Organization: Women's College Hospital, Toronto.

Duration: September 1979 to March 1980, and to continue, if feasible.

Financing: Women's College Hospital Grant from Ontario Ministry of Health.

Further Correspondence to: Mrs. Lynda Hamblin,
Obstetrics - Gynaecology Nursing
Co-ordinator,
Women's College Hospital,
76 Grenville Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M5S 1B2

Title: Child-abuse and Self-mutilation.

Status: Preliminary investigation completed.

Project Description:

During a long-term investigation of self-mutilatory behavior in female adolescent offenders in a correctional institution, many of the girls made reference to their experiences as victims of parental abuse and other forms of violence. A subsequent study of archival data from case history material supported the possibility of a link between the experience of violence in childhood and subsequent self-injurious behavior. Further support for this link was obtained through analysis of the vast literature on self-mutilation, and the literature on violence. Explanations and implications of the association have been examined.

Sponsoring Organization: Department of Criminology,
University of Ottawa.

Financing: Ontario Ministry of Correctional Services;
Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ottawa;
Ontario Mental Health Foundation.

Report: Violence In, Violence Out: Child-Abuse and
Self-Mutilation in Adolescent Offenders.

Further Correspondence to: R.R. Ross, Ph.D.,
Professor,
Department of Criminology,
University of Ottawa,
OTTAWA, Ontario.
K1N 6N5

Title: Opportunity for Advancement.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

Many low income, sole support mothers are unable to better their situations because of a lack of perspective and a clear idea of where to begin to improve.

The purpose of the demonstration was to show the feasibility of breaking through the sense of hopelessness and despair to encourage the development of a sense of self worth, to set new and realistic goals and to initiate a process for gaining a new sense of freedom based on economic security and responsible participation in society.

The project will collect demographic data about the women in the program and measure the effect of the program on them. It will look at the needs and concerns of the participants and investigate the possibility of acting on them. The project will attempt to correlate certain personal characteristics of participants with events occurring after the end of the course. The support, information and encouragement offered to the participants, the staff input around individual and group relationships in providing leadership, and the program per se, will be evaluated.

Recent testing revealed a significant increase and retention of self esteem by the participants. Drug use declined. The project is continuing to correlate the data and is beginning to seek permanent, ongoing funding.

Sponsoring Organization: Opportunity for Advancement.

Duration: October 1974 to October 1977.

Financing: The Centre for Women, Humber College (no longer active in financing); National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare Canada.

Further Correspondence to: Susan Vander Voet,
Project Director,
Opportunity for Advancement,
111 Sun Row Drive,
WESTON, Ontario.
M3P 3J3 (Phone: 245-4241)

Title: The Relationship Between Parental Discipline and Physical Cruelty in Young Males.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

This study was a part of an ongoing psychological research project directed toward the study of characteristics associated with acts of cruelty by teenage boys. The first part of this project was designed to secure a sample of non-delinquent boys for purposes of comparison with the findings of a group of delinquent boys who participated in previous experiments. The second part dealt with the study of the relationship between parental forms of discipline and the degree of cruelty exhibited by the boys involved in the experiment. The possible significance of the findings of such a study for agencies concerned with the protection of children and the prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency were obvious. (Principal researchers: F.R. Wake, Barbara McIntosh and Lloyd Pelton).

Sponsoring Organization: Carleton University, Department of Psychology, Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, Ontario. K1S 5B6

Duration: 1966-1967, 1967-1968.

Financing: National Welfare Grants; Health and Welfare Canada.

Report: Physical Cruelty and Its Relationship to Parental Methods of Childrearing by F.R. Wake, Barbara McIntosh and Lloyd Pelton, Carleton University, May 1968, 22 pp. plus appendices.

Title: Working Documents for the Commission on Emotional and Learning Disorders in Children.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

To prepare four background papers based on surveys of the following:

1. Incidence of emotional and learning disorders in children.
2. Manpower requirements to meet the needs of children with emotional and learning disorders.
3. Training of professionals for working with children with emotional and learning disorders; and the training and deployment of professionals and volunteers.
4. The influence of environmental factors on the development of learning and emotional disorders in children. (Principal researcher: Mireille Desjarlais).

Sponsoring Organization: Commission on Emotional and Learning Disorders in Children.

Duration: 1967-1968, 1968-1969.

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare Canada.

Report: One Million Children. Commission on Emotional and Learning Disorders in Children, Toronto, 1970, 521 pp.
Un million d'enfants. Commission on Emotional and Learning Disorders in Children, Toronto, 1970, 573 pp.

Title: Marital Separation Counselling and the Uncoupling Process.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

This research project is directed at documenting and analyzing the processes that occur in separation counselling within a large, voluntary agency in Metropolitan Toronto. Approximately 100 cases (couples) from the regular caseload of the agency will be studied. It is proposed to document the casework processes in separation counselling to generate data on processes in the marital relationship at the point of entering counselling and allow the development of more refined outcome measurements.

Sponsoring Organization: Family Service Association of Metropolitan Toronto.

Duration: 1979-1980.

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare Canada.

Further Correspondence to: John E.N. Stapleford,
Family Service Association of
Metropolitan Toronto,
22 Wellesley Street East,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Title: Teen Family Program (Thunder Bay).

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

This project will explore the effects of intensive, short-term crisis counselling with families where the danger of family break-up is imminent (e.g. removal of a juvenile to training school because of delinquency). Specially trained family workers, volunteers and co-ordinated inter-agency referral will be used.

Duration: 3 years.

Financing: Health and Welfare Canada.

Further Correspondence to: Director,
Teen Family Program,
164 Peter Street,
THUNDER BAY "P", Ontario.
P7A 5H7

Title: Children's Storefront.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

This is a preventive service designed to concentrate on child development at the pre-crisis level. It will develop the parenting abilities of young, isolated parents such as recent immigrants, or single mothers who have chosen to keep their children. It is located in an informal storefront location which, with the program, is designed to easily attract these parents.

Duration: 3 years.

Financing: Health and Welfare Canada.

Further Correspondence to: Ryba Novick,
Children's Storefront,
994 Bathurst Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M5R 3G7

Title: Foster Care for Adolescents: A Survey of
Participants in a Social System.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

The intent of this research is to focus on the following:

1. On learning what factors lead foster parents to begin fostering, to continue at specific junctures and to take on the very challenging task of caring for one or more adolescents.
2. On characterizing the emotional environments of foster homes for teenagers.
3. Learning about the compatibility of different types of homes with different categories of teenagers.

Sponsoring Organization: Children's Aid Society of
Hamilton/Wentworth, in cooperation
with Catholic Children's Aid
Society of Hamilton/Wentworth, and
Children's Aid Society of the
County of Halton.

Duration: 1976-1977.

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare
Canada.

Further Correspondence to: The Children's Aid Society of
Hamilton/Wentworth,
143 Wentworth Street South,
HAMILTON, Ontario.
L8N 2Z1

Catholic Children's Aid Society
of Hamilton/Wentworth,
627 Main Street,
HAMILTON, Ontario.
L8M 1J5

The Children's Aid Society of
the County of Halton,
1160 Blair Road,
2nd Floor,
BURLINGTON, Ontario.
L7M 1K9

Title: A Secondary Analysis of the Foster Care for
Adolescents Survey.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

This project consists of secondary analysis of the "Foster Care for Adolescents: A Survey of Participants in a Social System" project. The data collected for that study (219 interviews with foster parents working with the Children's Aid Society of Hamilton/Wentworth, the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton/Wentworth, and the Halton Children's Aid Society; 210 interviews with adolescents who were in these homes and written questionnaires about each home and adolescent completed by the agency worker who knew them best). The purpose of the study is to explore research questions which were not part of the original study.

Sponsoring Organization: The Children's Aid Society of
Hamilton/Wentworth.

Duration: 1978-1979.

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare
Canada.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. B. Rosenblum,
Children's Aid Society of
Hamilton/Wentworth,
143 Wentworth Street South,
HAMILTON, Ontario.

Title: A Developmental Study of a Group of 12-year-old Children Who Experienced Early Institutional Deprivation.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

To study a group of 28 twelve-year-old children who spent their early months in severely depriving institutional environments and were later placed in foster or adoptive care. The study investigated their potential for effective relationships and their level of intellectual functioning. (Principal researcher: Betty M. Flint).

Sponsoring Organization: Institute of Child Study,
University of Toronto, 45 Walmer
Road, Toronto, Ontario.

Duration: 1968-1969.

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare
Canada.

Title: To Reassess the Adjustment of a Group of
12-year-old Institutionally Deprived Children at
15 years of Age to their Homes and Community.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

To assess the intellectual function and effective adjustment of 28 children now approaching 15 years of age. These children, severely deprived in the early months of their lives (three months to three and a half years of age) have been carefully documented throughout early therapy within the institution, and later placed in foster or adoptive homes. (Principal researcher: Betty M. Flint).

Sponsoring Organization: Institute of Child Study,
University of Toronto, 45 Walmer
Road, Toronto, Ontario. M5R 2X2

Duration: 1969-1970, 1973-1974.

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare
Canada.

Report: A Longitudinal Study of a Group of Children
Reared in a Severely Depriving Environment During
Infancy and Early Childhood: Sixteen Years'
Investigation by Betty M. Flint, Mary Kilgour,
June Edmonds and Ann Taylor. The Institute of
Child Study, Toronto, 1974, 53 pp. plus
appendices.

Title: Juvenile Services Project.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

The purpose of this project was to evaluate an innovative service intended to reduce the incidence of repeated juvenile offences requiring police investigation and the incidence of juveniles charged to appear in court. The innovation service consisted in using family therapists working with police officers of the Youth Division.

Sponsoring Organization: Department of Psychiatry, McMaster University.

Duration: 1976-1977.

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare Canada.

Further Correspondence to: Department of Psychiatry,
McMaster University,
HAMILTON, Ontario.

Title: Isolated Nuclear Family - Fact or Fiction? A Comparative Study of the Patterns of Mutual Aid Between Canadian Working Class and Middle Class Families and Their Respective Social Network.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

This project proposes to focus on one particular dimension of the family's social environment, that is, its immediate social network which is the unit which stands conceptually between the family and its social environment (the larger society). Specifically, it aims to be a combined comparative exploratory descriptive study focussed on the patterns of interaction and the helping patterns of two groups of families with their kin, neighbours, friends and formal helping organizations, one group belonging to the working class, the other group belonging to the middle class.

Sponsoring Organization: School of Social Work, Carleton University.

Duration: 1978-1979.

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare Canada.

Further Correspondence to: M.J. Moreau,
School of Social Work,
Carleton University,
Colonel By Drive,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Title: Ottawa Pre-School Resource Centre.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

This project is to design and establish a centre for providing information, resources and co-ordination around pre-school education to parents, teachers or any other interested person or group. Pre-school education is not merely concerned with training the child, but with the multiplicity of issues which must be considered in the light of the parental and community resources and the current knowledge of the field.

The Resource Centre is a place where individuals and groups can share their concerns in workshops or privately, and also by way of regular newsletter publications. These workshops vary in make-up so as to allow for participation of persons with similar concerns as well as those with differing concerns and responsibilities. The Centre will conduct research and accumulate material to keep the community in touch with current child-development thinking and local resources.

The Centre encourages and facilitates communication in both official languages among its membership. It also co-operates with local school boards in case-finding emotional and learning difficulties, and investigating the needs of children of four years and younger. The Centre will act as a distribution point for books, films, toys and other material for use of schools, individuals or organizations.

The Centre will evaluate itself as a mechanism to hold and develop resources needed by groups and individuals dealing with a range of issues in pre-school education. Evaluation includes the role of co-ordination, communication and needed services for those involved in programs for pre-schoolers. There will also be evaluation of each workshop and an annual evaluation of the project by its own Board of Directors.

Sponsoring Organization: Ottawa Pre-School Resource Centre.

Duration: December 1974 to November 1977.

Financing: Health and Welfare Canada.

Further Correspondence to: Project Director,
Ottawa Pre-School Resource
Centre,
173 Dalhousie Street,
OTTAWA, Ontario.
K2G 0G4

Title: Family Enrichment Project.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

To demonstrate the use of indigenous personnel in teaching parents whose children are neglected, to improve their skills as parents and homemakers. The project aims to improve communication and sensitivity within the family, to involve the parent and child in recreational activities, to build up self-confidence and help parents to give direction and consistent discipline and encouragement to the children. The staff of the project teaches by doing with the parents many activities which are involved in the parental process -- home organization and management, budgeting, value/comparative shopping, developing balanced menus, cooking and preparing meals, home hygiene and child care skills. The staff and clients work through the phases of trust formation to independence and staff withdrawal. Some staff time is spent linking the children to existing recreational services and activities.

Sponsoring Organization: The Catholic Children's Aid of Hamilton/Wentworth.

Duration: August 1, 1974 to March 31, 1975.

Financing: Health and Welfare Canada, The Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton/Wentworth.

Report: "Family Enrichment Program -- The Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton/Wentworth", by Mr. Bernard Doran, Co-ordinator, 10 pages.

Further Correspondence to: Director,
The Catholic Children's Aid
Society of Hamilton/Wentworth,
627 Main Street East,
Room 302,
HAMILTON, Ontario.
L8M 1J5

Title: Treatment Resource for Emotionally Deprived
and/or Abused Toddlers (T.R.E.A.T.).

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

T.R.E.A.T. was developed as a demonstration project
to:

- a) provide goal-oriented day treatment for 32 abused
and high risk pre-school children;
- b) identify some of the characteristics of the
abused or high risk child and to develop person-
ality profiles of these children;
- c) to research the appropriateness and effectiveness
of day treatment as a service modality for the
abused and high risk child; and
- d) to attempt to prevent the occurrence or recur-
rence of abuse and its consequences for the
children involved in the program, in cooperation
with concurrent parent treatment efforts.

Children accepted into the program are individually
assessed, assigned treatment goals and goal indicators,
transported daily to the treatment setting and treated via a
balanced activity program based on a therapeutic nursery
school model. Progress is evaluated regularly via case
conferences which bring together both child and family treat-
ment persons. Mothers are offered a weekly group program
which is led jointly with a woman's organization (Opportunity
for Advancement) and aimed at raising mothers' self esteem,
increasing problem-solving skills and assisting them in
planning creatively for their future.

The research was based on a quasi-experimental, non-
equivalent control group design. The progress of T.R.E.A.T.
children was measured relative to a non-abused group of
children attending a nursery school which served the same
socio-economic strata. Pre-, post- and follow-up measures
were taken in the areas of:

- a) self-identify and self-worth;
- b) social interaction with adults and peers;

- c) emotional stability and maturity;
- d) speech, language and conceptual thinking; and
- e) motor activity and control.

Sponsoring Organization: Children's Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto.

Duration: April 1977 to June 1979.

Financing: Health and Welfare Canada, Children's Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto.

Report: Due to be released in early Fall 1979.

Further Correspondence to: Mr. Stan Benner,
Abuse Program Co-ordinator,

OR

Ms. Dana Stehr,
Scarborough Branch Director,
Children's Aid Society of
Metropolitan Toronto,
843 Kennedy Road,
SCARBOROUGH, Ontario.
M1K 2E3

Title: Child Abuse Services Education Development
(C.A.S.E.D.).

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

Two-day multidisciplinary child abuse education workshops have been developed for professional staff working in Durham Region. Four indigenous training teams comprised of one C.A.S. worker and one Public Health Nurse as co-trainers and two group facilitators from Day Care and the Separate School Board, rotate training at the workshops, held twice monthly. Workshops are co-sponsored and held at the local community college (Durham College). The workshop material focuses on identification of abuse and neglect, as well as covering generally, causes and treatment of abuse, sexual abuse, the law and community agency roles in dealing with abuse cases.

Intensive specialized workshops are being considered as are special workshops for teachers, hospital staff and physicians.

Sponsoring Organization: Durham Region Child Abuse
Committee.

Duration: October 1977 - October 1979.

Financing: Manpower Utilization and Development Directorate;
Health and Welfare Canada.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. C.W. Hall,
Glazier Medical Centre,
11 Gibb Street
OSHAWA, Ontario.

Title: Evaluation of Child Abuse Services Education Development Project.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

This research is designed to test the effectiveness of the Child Abuse Services Education Development program's ability to improve the capability of service professionals to detect, treat and prevent child abuse. The research is designed to measure two separate aspects of the program. The first is to test the direct effectiveness of the program in relation to those professionals who have become involved with CASED, and the second is to test the effect that this new information has on the detection, treatment and prevention of child abuse in organizations in the Durham Region.

The evaluation of the CASED Project will involve the analysis of data on two levels. The first will be the measurement of the direct effect the Program has had on the participants; the second will be the measurement of the effects of the Program on the organizations involved.

Sponsoring Organization: Durham Region Child Abuse Committee.

Duration: January 1, 1978 to September 1979.

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare Canada.

Further Correspondence to: Jim Rice and Bill Lee,
School of Social Work,
McMaster University,
HAMILTON, Ontario.
L8S 4M2

Title: The Decision to Separate Children From Their
Natural Parents.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

To determine whether factors characteristic of the child and his environment prior to his coming into the care of a Children's Aid Society relate predictably to the progress of the child in spite of "in-care" variations. (Principal researcher: Sally E. Palmer).

Sponsoring Organization: Family and Children's Services of
London and Middlesex, Box 848,
Station "B", London, Ontario.
N6A 4Z5

Duration: 1970-1971, 1972-1973.

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare
Canada.

Report: The Decision to Separate Children From Their
Natural Parents, by Sally E. Palmer, Family and
Children's Services of London and Middlesex,
London, Ontario, August 1977, 149 pp.

Title: Study of Visiting Homemaker Services.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

To develop a research design and conduct a comprehensive survey of homemaker services in Canada. The survey was to encompass the volume and scope of services, the facilities for training homemakers, and the need and potentials for homemaker service.

This study defines a homemaker service as an organized community service provided by a voluntary or public non-profit organization, and given by qualified persons, under professional supervision. Homemakers are assigned to care for children when the mother is in the hospital, ill, or over-burdened in the home, to help chronically ill or convalescent adults, to give assistance to aged persons still capable of some self-care. The service assumes responsibility for household management and operations as well as helping to protect and restore an individual or family to function again. A further category of homemaker service included in the study is the teaching homemaker, which helps the housewife to cope better with her responsibilities. (Principal researcher: Michael Wheeler).

Sponsoring Organization: Canadian Council on Social Development, 55 Parkdale Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario. K1Y 1E5

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare Canada.

Report: Visiting Homemaker Services in Canada: Report of a Survey with Recommendations, by Michael Wheeler, Mary Sayons, Patricia Godfrey. Canadian Council on Social Development, Ottawa. March 1971. 109 pp. plus appendices.

Title: A Longitudinal Study of the Unmarried Mother.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

To study the experience and adjustment of approximately 60 unmarried mothers who kept their babies. Attention is given to the first 18 months following the birth of the child. Information was obtained at 5-month intervals through a comprehensive questionnaire inquiring into: economic, occupational, social and personal adjustment of the unmarried mother, her need for and use of community resources, her relationship with the putative father, and the housing and living conditions of both mother and child. (Principal researcher: Judith Pozsonyi).

Sponsoring Organization: Family and Children's Services of
London and Middlesex, Box a848,
Station "B", London, Ontario.
N6A 4Z5

Duration: 1969-1970, 1972-1973.

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare
Canada.

Report: A Longitudinal Study of Unmarried Mothers Who
Kept Their First-Born Children, by
Judith Pozsonyi. Family and Children's Services
of London and Middlesex, London, 1973, 61 pp.
plus appendices.

Title: Social Policy Implications of the Unmarried Parent.

Status: Deferred.

Project Description:

1. To examine the results when unmarried mothers who have received agency service decide not to relinquish their children for adoption.
2. To examine a group of unmarried mothers who have relinquished their children for adoption and the reasons for this decision.
3. Examine the situation of children who have been released for adoption by the unmarried mothers.

Sponsoring Organization: Canadian Council of Social Development, 55 Parkdale Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario. K1Y 1E5

Duration: 1967-1968.

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare Canada.

Report: "The One Parent Family" CCSD, Ottawa, 1971.

Title: Frontenac Family Referral Service - Kingston.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

Support services in family courts need to be developed and improved. Persons attending court are usually in a crisis situation, often not aware of their rights, and (women particularly) in very vulnerable positions. Few family courts have attempted methods other than the usual adversary approach to resolve issues between persons who use court services.

The purpose of the demonstration was to establish support services in a moderately sized family court, using resources in the community where possible and developing new services where needed. To demonstrate the need for support services and the effectiveness of diversion from the adversary approach conflict-resolution when this is possible.

Initial contact workers, located at the Family Court, provide immediate support to persons in need. Assessment of family problems is followed by referral to an existing agency for service or provision of short-term counselling where the specific service is not now available elsewhere. The project seeks to encourage the development of community service delivery and demonstrate new, experimental approaches to meeting client needs, acting in a liaison function between clients and existing agencies. The project is administered by a committee which has agency and community representation selected on as broad a base as possible.

This project has demonstrated a need for the service with very high client recognition and utilization, and initial success in its liaison function. Existing services have responded by developing their service delivery and by participating in experimentation. Results of the diversion function, (ie.: conciliation and separation counselling), are inconclusive to data.

Sponsoring Organization: Frontenac Family Referral Service - Kingston.

Duration: April 1975 to March 1978.

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare
Canada.

Further Correspondence to: Judge G.M. Thomson,
Provincial Court (Family
Division),
469 Montreal Street,
KINGSTON, Ontario.

Title: Primary Care Counselling Project.

Status: Manpower Utilization in progress.

Project Description:

To demonstrate the role of social workers functioning in family physicians offices. The project is designed to describe the social work role in primary care by tabulating the nature of social work interventions, assessing the effectiveness of the social work services and to assess the impact upon the patients, physicians, and community agencies. The staff of the project work directly with 34 community family physicians in their own office setting. Services include marital counselling, child management skill training, sexual counselling, assistance with environmental and welfare problems and counselling with regard to psychosomatic illnesses. The staff have close linkages with the counselling staff of the Public Health Unit, Children's Aid Society, hospitals and other community support systems.

Sponsoring Organization: The Department of Family Medicine
Queen's University
and
Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston.

Duration: August 1, 1978 to July 31, 1981.

Financing: Health and Welfare Canada, and the sponsoring organizations.

Further Correspondence to: Peter Burbidge,
Primary Care Counselling Project,
Department of Family Medicine,
Bag 8888,
KINGSTON, Ontario.
K7L 5E9

Title: Children in Long-Term Care -- Their Experiences and Progress.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

To examine retrospectively the experiences and progress of children who have grown up in C.A.S. care, in order to identify some predictors of outcome from their pre-care and in-care experiences. This would provide some guidelines for decisions about admission and treatment.

Data was obtained from the case records of two large Ontario C.A.S.'s about 200 children who spent at least 5 years in care, leaving when they reached 18. Their progress was evaluated retrospectively according to their own base-lines: problems in behavior, emotional adjustment, and task performance (school and work) at discharge were compared to problems in these areas at admission.

Sponsoring Organization: Family and Children's Services of London and Middlesex, 164 Albert Street, London, Ontario.

Duration: August 1970 to August 1972.

Financing: Health and Welfare Canada.

Report: Copies of the report published 1976 may be obtained from the sponsoring organization.

Further Correspondence to: Ms. Sally Palmer,
Principal Investigator,
375 St. George Street,
LONDON, Ontario.
N6A 3A9

Title: The Impact of Mental Ill Health on the Children of Afflicted Patients.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

Three students who have chosen training in one of the "helping professions" are employed for an approximately four-month period to study the impact of mental illness on the children of parents undergoing treatment. One student will be the project leader and as such will report to the coordinator of out-patient services of the department of psychiatry of the Royal Victoria Hospital of Barrie. Of the other two students one will be primarily deployed to visit families in the community and study the impact of the parent's psychological difficulty on the mental health of the children. The other student will be primarily based in the hospital setting and will work with the parent to try to obtain an expanded picture of the family dynamics and of the way in which the parent's mental health relates to the family situation. In addition to the research aspect, it is hoped that exploratory intervention in these families may help yield some positive strengthening of mental health and diminish the untoward impact of psychological ill health on the family, and especially the children of the designated patient.

Sponsoring Organization: Royal Victoria Hospital.

Duration: May 7, 1979 to September 7, 1979.

Financing: Young Canada Works Grant; Employment and Immigration Canada.

Report: Prepared by the Students: "Detrimental Impact on Children Who Have a Parent Receiving In-Patient Psychiatric Care".

Further Correspondence to: Mr. Chris Sullivan,
Coordinator of Out-Patient
Services,
Department of Psychiatry,
The Royal Victoria Hospital of
Barrie,
76 Ross Street,
BARRIE, Ontario.
L4N 1G4

Title: The Family Education Centre of the Niagara Region
(School for Parents).

Status: Date of Opening - September 1977.

Project Description:

An incorporated, non-profit charitable organization developed on a model of a small core of paid staff and a large volunteer base. Objectives are to co-ordinate activities in parent education and provide liaison with social agencies and the public. Also, to develop new programs to meet specific needs, do leadership training, and assist in further research and evaluation of parent education. A variety of programs are offered to the community, including Practical Parenting, designed to help parents understand children's misbehavior and how to win co-operation; Parent Communication, showing specific skills such as listening, confrontation, problem solving and values clarification; Sex Education Begins in the Home, dealing with sexuality and conflicts in that area; and Systematic Training for Effective Parenting which helps parents improve family relationships through learning new techniques for coping, co-operating and communicating. Courses are led by trained volunteers and some staff. Groups consist of 10-20 participants, meeting once a week for 10 weeks. Volunteers help with other aspects of the organization, such as office reception, babysitting, public speaking, and the publishing of a newsletter "Bridges" seven times a year.

Financing: In the past, Canada Works Grants; Employment and Immigration, Canada; Present and future funding - undetermined.

Report: School for Parents Brief, revised.

Further Correspondence to: Co-ordinator,
School for Parents,
4700 Epworth Circle,
NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario.
L2E 1C6

Title: The Toronto Lay-Therapist Project.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

To select and train a group of nonprofessional, lay-persons who would provide an alternate modality of treatment applicable to certain parents who had physically abused their children. The project was set up in close cooperation with the Metro Toronto Children's Aid Society with the objectives of having the lay-therapist eventually work for the Agency on a part-time, salaried basis. It was anticipated that eventually these lay-therapists might be utilized by that Agency in training other paraprofessionals to work in the area of Child Abuse.

Within the framework of the project, it was hoped that the lay-therapists would become a lifeline to their assigned cases which generally tend to be lonely, isolated, uncommunicative, and chronically deprived individuals.

Sponsoring Organization: The Children's Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto; The Hospital for Sick Children; The West-End Creche Child and Family Centre.

Duration: December 1973 to December 1974.

Financing: Department of Manpower and Immigration (Local Initiatives Program); The Laidlaw Foundation; The Metro Toronto Children's Aid Society.

Report: The Toronto Lay-Therapists Project - published in the Journal of the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies, November 1977.

Further Correspondence to: Simon Kreindler, M.D.,
F.R.C.P(c),
Department of Psychiatry,
The Hospital for Sick Children,
555 University Avenue,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M5G 1X8

Title: The Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

One of the most direct and immediate solutions to the problem of wife abuse is the refuge or transition house. Such shelters offer four major resources for women involved in family violence:

1. Sanctuaries in which women and their children can escape further violence and abuse.
2. Maintenance necessities such as housing, food, clothing and child care. (The provision of such basic necessities permits women to free themselves from dependencies which might otherwise leave them helpless to effect changes in their lives).
3. Psychological and emotional support system. (Relationships with other women, children, and staff who are sensitive and informed about family violence provide women with the security and stability necessary for dealing with a crisis).
4. Information and expertise which enable women to deliberately re-evaluate their situation and, if necessary, launch informed programs of change.

Financing: Most transition and interval houses are financed originally as research projects to study the feasibility of establishing service to women and their children in transition. Canada Works, United Way, or the Y.W.C.A. are often the initial funders.

Long-term support is usually maintained by purchase of service agreements with the various municipalities and the province of Ontario, private donor foundations and/or United Way funding.

Further Correspondence to: June Wilton,
Secretary,
The Ontario Association of
Interval and Transition Houses,
c/o Anselma House,
127 Duke Street East,
KITCHENER, Ontario.
N2H 1A6

Title: Mental Health/Ottawa - Ottawa Board of Education
Primary School Counselling Project.

Status: Developmental - completed.
Demonstration - in progress.
Research - in formative stage - original
research design being refined and
revised.

Project Description:

The project is aimed at exploring and documenting methods of combining the resources of the family, the school, and the community to protect young children from the hazards created by changing family structures, mobility, social and economic stress, and to strengthen within them their capacity to confront and resolve the normal problems of growing up as well as the additional ones imposed upon them by their stressful environments. The central component of the program is a mental health worker trained in elementary education and school counselling who is school-based (ie. resident three days per week in a primary (K-6) school) and employs a well-defined role model, including education, counselling, consultation, coordination and community action. The research component will evaluate the effectiveness of the counsellor's actions in bringing about positive changes in the relationships among the children, their parents and teachers, school professionals, and other concerned persons; changes that will be measured in the area of communication. The research will be based on Uri Bronfenbrenner's "transforming ecological experiment" as described in The Experimental Ecology of Education, Columbia Teachers College Record, 1976, 78, 157-204.

Sponsoring Organization: Mental Health/Ottawa; Ottawa Board of Education.

Financing: Mental Health/Ottawa; Ottawa Board of Education; Ontario Ministry of Education; Health and Welfare Canada; two substantial grants from a group of anonymous businessmen in Ottawa; small grants from service clubs in Ottawa.

Reports: Material produced -

1. Literature Reviews (1978) in elementary counselling theory and social and emotional needs of children as they relate to the school and learning process.
2. Program description, counsellor role model, and research design contained in January 1978 submission to Health and Welfare Canada.
3. Conceptual study of childhood social indicators (1979).
4. Package of research instruments relating to research component of January 1978 submission focussing on competence and coping skills in children.
5. Annotated bibliography of suitable books and audio-visual material for use of counsellor/mental health worker.

Further Correspondence to: Mrs. Elizabeth Morin,
Executive Director,
Mental Health/Ottawa,
180 Argyle Avenue,
OTTAWA, Ontario.
K2P 1B7

Title: Family Court Conciliation and Research Project.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

In a large urban court setting, to provide staff with special training to offer conciliation counselling services to clients being referred to family court. To see if those using this service located in the court are better able to make use of the direction established by the court and resolve their differences to their mutual satisfaction.

Clients appearing before family court were streamed, half into the present court intake system and half into conciliation counselling. The number of couples who needed to proceed to appear before the court after conciliation counselling as well as those who, after appearance, were unable to abide by the terms of the court order, were two of the major determinants of project success.

Sponsoring Organization: The Family Court Conciliation and Research Project.

Duration: Developmental: September 1974 to February 1975.
Demonstration: April 1, 1976 to March 31, 1979.

Financing: Attorney General of Ontario; Health and Welfare Canada.

Further Correspondence to: T. Michael Quiggan,
Project Director,
Family Court Conciliation and
Research Project,
c/o Family Court,
311 Jarvis Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Title: Parent Resources.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

To provide a primary prevention scheme for isolated mothers in the urban core and to provide specific services to known abusive parents.

This project has been running for three years. Over 120 clients are served through three drop-in centres and a home visitation scheme. Participants respond to advertising, are referred by agencies, or come to the centres with friends. Most participants are in contact with at least one of the staff twice a week. Staff also respond to crisis situations.

The six staff are "referred" by a committee which includes themselves and eight agency people, as well as two Toronto Board of Education members. All directions of the project must be approved by the reference committee.

Duration: The project is now in its third year with promised funding for a fourth.

Financing: The project began as a federally-funded parent contact group (LIP). The Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services has funded the group since October 1978. Intermittently the Toronto Board of Education has provided "Keep Alive" funding.

Report: Youth Consultants have designed a two-year field study. Results should be available in the Summer of 1981.

Further Correspondence to: John H. Bates,
Co-ordinator,
Inner City Programs,
The Board of Education for the
City of Toronto,
155 College Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M5T 1P6

Title: A Group Experiment in Nurturing Abusive Mothers.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

This article reports on a group work approach to the treatment and prevention of child abuse. It briefly reviews some historical and organizational facts, then analyses the theoretical framework underlying the approach: what re-parenting abusive mothers, within the medium of the small group, involves in terms of meeting basic needs for physical comfort, food and shelter, and what it involves in terms of meeting higher-level needs for belongingness, self-esteem and self-actualization; and how the particular program chosen for the group meets these nurturing objectives.

There follows a description of how the group developed over a year and a half from a purely nurturing group into one that is beginning to function as a system of mutual aid, and traces some of the successes and problems encountered.

Finally, some implications of this reorientation of the group are identified, and a look is cast at what the future may hold for the group.

Further Correspondence to: Margot Breton, M.S.W.,
Assistant Professor,
Faculty of Social Work,
University of Toronto,
246 Bloor Street West,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M5S 1A1

Title: Violence Against Women.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

Because of our increasing concern about the violence women are experiencing, the YWCA of Metro Toronto has undertaken to document through a questionnaire survey the type, and extent of violence experienced by women in the YWCA; to prepare educational programs on the issue for use in the agency and the community; and to undertake appropriate social action.

Sponsoring Organization: Y.W.C.A. of Metro Toronto.

Duration: Spring 1978 to present.

Financing: Y.W.C.A. of Metro Toronto; Y.W.C.A. of Canada;
Secretary of State, Women's Programs.

Further Correspondence to: Community Education Co-ordinator,
Women's Development Services,
Y.W.C.A. of Metro Toronto,
15 Birch Avenue,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M4V 1E1

Title: A Developmental Learning Approach to Infant Care
in a Group Setting.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

This investigation was a three-year joint effort between a research group of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education and the teaching staff and student teachers of Canadian Mothercraft Society, based on program guides written by the principal investigator. The program was set in the day-care facilities (an old mansion) of Canadian Mothercraft in Toronto. There was accommodation for around thirty babies for all-day care, encompassing spacious and well-equipped playrooms (for both fine and gross perceptual-motor activities); sleeping, eating, and toileting facilities; kitchen and dining facilities for adults; infant diet kitchen, office space, library and meeting rooms, research laboratory and a very ample, shaded playground.

In the broadest sense, the two-core objectives of the investigation were: a) to probe the significance of early experience as a foundation period for developmental learning, through; b) establishing a quality program of group day care and education for infants to serve as a model to foster infant day care in Ontario and elsewhere in Canada. The program was aimed at two types of families in need of infant day care, working mothers and families in poverty. Both groups of families, for different reasons, are often confronted with conditions for rearing young children that lack the psychological and socio-economic resources necessary for optimal development of infants.

Sponsoring Organization: Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, and Canadian Mothercraft Society.

Duration: 1969-1972.

Financing: Atkinson Charitable Foundation; Ontario Institute for Studies in Education; Commissioner of the Metropolitan Toronto Department of Social Services; Canadian Mothercraft Society.

Report: A Developmental Learning Approach to Infant Care
 in a Group Setting.

Further Correspondence to: Professor William Fowler,
 Department of Applied Psychology,
 The Ontario Institute for
 Studies in Education,
 252 Bloor Street West,
 TORONTO, Ontario.
 M5S 1B6

Title: Professionals and Parents Support System.

Status: Design Phase completed; financing under consideration.

Project Description:

This project is designed for a northern community and would be a model for similar programs in northern areas. In northern communities a major problem is utilizing services as they relate to a number of areas in child abuse, particularly early identification. In these areas there are a number of isolated children who do not have access to pre-school or public health facilities.

The first part of the project is based on the Kempe home visitor concept, with individuals visiting isolated cabins and serving as a bridge to the professional community. Part two is to increase the focus on changing parent-child interactions. Built into this part is home intervention, with skilled child care workers going into the home and teaching parenting skills.

Part three of the project involves the development, in Sault Ste Marie, of a travelling team consisting of a pediatrician, psychologist and protective service worker. This team would regularly visit northern communities every month to help with case assessments and diagnoses if it was not obviously a child abuse case. This team would also assist with case planning, intervention and management. The team would be available for telephone conferences on very short notice for consultation in emergencies. The project is designed to support parents and professionals.

Sponsoring Organization: Children's Aid Society of Sault Ste Marie and District of Algoma.

Further Correspondence to: Ross Dawson,
Assistant Director,
Children's Aid Society,
Sault Ste Marie and District
of Algoma,
65 Willow Avenue,
SAULT STE MARIE, Ontario.
P6B 5B1

Title: Indigenous Staff Network.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

This project operates in the northern area of Ontario, within the territory covered by the Children's Aid Society of Sault Ste Marie and the District of Algoma. Their territory covers an area 240 miles north and 140 miles east, and includes different size communities. In order to respond to cases, an indigenous network of staff has been developed. For example, a woman in a small community who has good basic skills is provided with supplemental training and skills through the C.A.S. in order to assist local abusing families. This project involves five part-time women in different communities where there are not enough people to warrant full-time workers.

Sponsoring Organization: Children's Aid Society of Sault Ste Marie and District of Algoma.

Further Correspondence to: Ross Dawson,
Assistant Director,
Children's Aid Society,
Sault Ste Marie and District
of Algoma,
65 Willow Avenue,
SAULT STE MARIE, Ontario.
P6B 5B1

Title: Child Abuse - A Community Problem: A Community Approach.

Status: Ongoing for the past three years.

Project Description:

This project pertains to the development of a community/hospital program on child abuse in the Kitchener/Waterloo area. The purpose is to show that smaller communities (population 200 000) can make professional and lay people aware of child abuse and suggest methods to facilitate the diagnosis and management of it, and that they can develop effective programs to deal with such a serious problem. This was only possible because of co-operation between the available community resources such as Public Health staff, Family and Children's Services, hospital social workers and medical staff.

The three-year-old child abuse program was set up in two public non-teaching hospitals (Kitchener/Waterloo Hospital and St. Mary's General Hospital) in the community of Kitchener/Waterloo in collaboration with community agencies (Family and Children's Services - formerly Children's Aid Society) and the Waterloo Regional Public Health Unit.

The program serves the goal of an attempt to break the child abuse cycle and where risk is deemed to occur, provide some re-educative components. Its effectiveness is based on a concerted effort by all the multidisciplinary team staff to trust, collaborate, and coordinate management. This is an interhospital and intercommunity agency project and there is a "no ownership of the patient" philosophy.

Two preventive aspects of the program include: 1) the addition of post-natal education programs twice weekly, led by a social worker and a nurse at which mothers may discuss concerns or anxieties; and 2) nurses in the nursery; post partum floor and delivery room are continually being made aware of the signs of high risk families. The tool used to screen for high risk cases is Dr. Kempe's "tick sheet" which he presented to the Canadian Paediatric Society in Toronto in 1975.

Further Correspondence to: Ted Mavor,
Director of Social Work,
Kitchener/Waterloo Hospital,
835 King Street West,
KITCHENER, Ontario.
N2G 1G3

Title: Waterloo Regional Communittee for the Prevention
of Child Abuse.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

The Waterloo Regional Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse is an interdisciplinary/interagency group of people who have an active interest in child abuse. The purpose of the Committee is to stimulate and coordinate preventative services through contacts with the public, professionals and agencies in the community.

The objectives of the Committee are:

- a) to stimulate public and professional concern for the prevention, early identification and treatment of child abuse and neglect as a significant social problem;
- b) to provide advisory program for the education of professional groups, and the public, in relation to the problem of child abuse and its effect on society;
- c) to determine inadequacies in service delivery related to child abuse, thereby providing impetus for future community action (eg. research and new service proposals);
- d) to stimulate and support the development of interdisciplinary collaborative services to children and their families in relation to child abuse; and
- e) to advocate primary prevention of child abuse within the community.

Further Correspondence to: Mrs. Margarite Phillips,
Chairperson,
Waterloo Regional Committee for
the Prevention of Child Abuse,
Public Health Unit,
KITCHENER, Ontario.

Title: Child Abuse and Neglect Program of the Salvation Army.

Status: In process.

Project Description:

The Salvation Army Women's Home League is undertaking a series of group sessions to develop among their membership an awareness of child abuse and neglect through discussion and the use of films.

Further Correspondence to: Colonel Edward Read,
Field Secretary,
The Salvation Army,
Box 4021,
Station "A",
TORONTO, Ontario.
M5W 2B1

Title: Preventive Marriage Counselling.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

This research tested the effectiveness of an innovative program combining pre-wedding and post-wedding counselling to enable couples to resolve conflict situations. It was hypothesized that spouses who took part in such a program would be less likely to engage in destructive conflict with each other than those who had not taken part. It was further hypothesized that spouses who took part in the program would seek assistance in solving either individual or marital problems more readily than those who did not take part. The data supported both hypotheses.

Sponsoring Organization: Department of Family and Community Medicine; University of Toronto.

Duration: January 1, 1974 to June 30, 1977.

Financing: The Physicians Services Incorporated Foundation, Toronto; The Family Service Association of Metropolitan Toronto; The Vanier Institute of the Family, Ottawa.

Report: "Do Marriage Preparation Programs Really Help?" (46 pages).

Further Correspondence to: Professor Edward Bader,
Project Co-ordinator,
Flemingdon Health Centre,
10 Gateway Boulevard,
DON MILLS, Ontario.
M3C 3A1

Title: Studies of Family Violence From a Biological Perspective.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

Investigation of incidence of child abuse in relation to family composition, and attitudinal and biobehavioral differences between abusive families and other criterion groups.

Analysis of American Humane Association and U.S. national data are utilized. Collection of questionnaire data are a further source of information.

Duration: July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980.

Financing: The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. Martin Daly,
Department of Psychology,
McMaster University,
HAMILTON, Ontario.
L8S 4K1

Title: Child Abuse Program; Scarborough Department of Health.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

The Child Abuse Program was examined by exploring the public health nurses' perceptions of the application of the nursing process to families where there had been or might be child abuse. Specifically the value and use of the Scarborough High Risk Register were documented.

Data were collected by interviewing 50 of the staff nurses and seven supervisors employed by the Health Department. One hundred active and 50 discharged High Risk Register folders were reviewed. Thirty-one families responded to the questionnaire requesting their evaluation of the public health nursing service.

Findings indicated that the nurses' perceptions of child abuse factors as described in the interview and recorded in the register folders were congruent with those reported in the literature. Data showed the emphasis on prevention throughout all phases of the nursing process. The families who responded to the questionnaire rated the public health nursing service as "valuable" or "very valuable".

Suggestions were made to increase both the value and use of the High Risk Register as well as to improve the Child Abuse Program. (Principal researcher: Rosella Cunningham).

Sponsoring Organization: Scarborough Health Department,
160 Borough Drive, Scarborough.

Duration: October 1977 - January 1979.

Financing: Registered Nurses of Ontario Foundation.

Report: Child Abuse Program, Scarborough Department of Health available from Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto, pp. 174.

Further Correspondence to: Rosella Cunningham,
Professor,
Faculty of Nursing,
University of Toronto,
50 St. George Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M5S 1A1

Title: Ottawa Community Video Project.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

The Ottawa Community Video Project, a non-commercial video production team, will be producing a series of videotape productions focussing on the needs and rights of children, particularly in the Ottawa area. The concerns to be explored are as follows:

1. Child Abuse: The Problem and Treatment.
2. Learning Disabilities: Recognition and Remediation.
3. Child Health and Nutrition.
4. Day Care Services.
5. Recreational Facilities for Children.

When the productions are completed, they will be made available, free of charge, to all interested parties. The Instructional Aids Department at Carleton University will copy, at no cost, any of the tapes for non-profit organizations.

Many resources such as equipment and advisory services have been provided by Carleton University's School of Journalism, the Instructional Aids Department, and the Psychology Department.

Sponsoring Organization: Young Canada Works Program.

Duration: Summer 1979.

Financing: Federal Government.

Further Correspondence to: Ottawa Community Video Project,
School of Journalism,
Carleton University,
St. Patrick's College,
Room 305,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Title: Evaluation of London, Ontario Chapter of Parents Anonymous.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

The evaluation was accomplished by inspection and tallying of telephone record sheets, a mail-out questionnaire to potential referral sources and the administration of a Parents Anonymous Program Questionnaire to group attenders.

A brief summary of the conclusions which might be drawn include the fact that the P.A. program, despite its relative youth, is reaching a large number of potential and actual child abusers. In fact, the rate of such contacts exceeds prediction in the city the size of London. The additional ability of P.A. to serve as a resource centre for concerned community persons also speaks to its positive nature. The attendance of public lectures maintained by the workers of P.A. is also commendable. These aspects of the program seem very strong and should be encouraged in the future.

Participation in the program has significant effects on rates of verbal abuse and neglect, and there is also a reduction in physical abuse. Thus, the primary purpose of the program is being achieved. As well, the participants in the program reported the use of less control with their children as length of participation increases.

Sponsoring Organization: Parents Anonymous, London, Ontario.

Financing: Parents Anonymous, London, Ontario.

Report: "Evaluation of a Self-Help Group for Child-Abusing Parents. The London, Ontario Chapter of Parents Anonymous. December 15, 1978".

Further Correspondence to: Dianne Prato,
Professional Sponsor for Parents Anonymous,
408 Briarhill Avenue,
LONDON, Ontario.
N5Y 1P2

Title: Parents Anonymous: Burlington/Hamilton.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

Parents Anonymous was organized in the early 1970's, to provide services, support and caring to troubled and overwhelmed parents. The organization exists to befriend parents, to listen, to care, and to offer support in a non-threatening way.

When parents feel better about themselves they develop more constructive and positive relationships with their children. Services help parents in their struggle to find new and more effective ways to perform the endless and often thankless job of parenting. A focus on reparenting parents who did not receive enough nurturance and love as children helps parents feel better about themselves as people and as parents. In this way, parents may alter ineffective child rearing patterns which may have been passed on in their families as a generational legacy.

The services offered by Parents Anonymous include the following:

1. A 24-hour, 7-day a week telephone hotline manned by trained volunteers to help parents handle effectively stressful situations which often result in the abuse or neglect of a child.
2. Limited outreach by volunteers trained to make visits to parents to help them deal more constructively with crisis and stressful situations.
3. Referral services to help parents find appropriate community resources to meet their specific needs.
4. Weekly Parents Anonymous group meetings, facilitated by professional volunteer sponsors, where parents can share experiences in a private, informal atmosphere.
5. A Parental Relief program, where an emergency baby-sitting service is offered a maximum of 2 days a week to Parents who attend P.A. group meetings.

There are many ways to teach parenting skills, but the key to success in reparenting is modelling effective parenting and communicating a deep concern and care for the parent. In Parents Anonymous, volunteers provide the parenting models for the people using our service.

Duration: 1972 - present.

Financing: United Way, Hamilton/Wentworth Region; City of Burlington; Various service club Donations.

Further Correspondence to: Susan M. Parker,
Service Co-ordinator,
Parents Anonymous,
Box 843,
BURLINGTON, Ontario.
L7R 3Y7

Title: Parents Anonymous of Sault Ste. Marie.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

To break the cycle of child abuse and neglect by forming a self-help group for parents who want to re-channel destructive attitudes and behavior into constructive loving parenting, and to develop a group atmosphere which will nourish the parents as individuals and develop bonds between members which will help fulfil the missing extended family needs.

Each parent share his/her week with the group at the weekly meeting. The parents shares good and/or bad experiences while relating what happened during the week. Members and/or the chairperson and/or the sponsors may ask for clarification, for analysis of how the member could have handled the situation in an alternative way, or the group may congratulate a parent who has turned a potentially harmful situation into a constructive, loving, learning experience.

Sponsoring Organization: Telecare, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario; Endorsed by Children's Aid Society, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

Duration: October 12, 1977 to present.

Financing: Donations from local service groups: The Independent Order of Foresters, C.U.P.E. Local Union of C.A.S., Kinettes Club of S.S.M., The French Women's Federation, St. Veronica's C.W.L., Board of Directors, C.A.S., and St. Jerome's C.W.L.

Further Correspondence to: Co-ordinator,
Parents Anonymous,
33 Grosvenor Street,
SAULT STE. MARIE, Ontario.

Title: Family Interaction Processes and Child Abuse.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

Theoretical formulations of sufficient specificity to permit hypotheses testing are extremely rare in the child abuse literature. The present project proposes and attempts to test such a formulation. Specifically, it is argued that physical child abuse represents a vicious circle in which abuse temporarily relieves intolerably psychological stress in one or more abusive parents. This, in turn, serves to perpetuate a family system whose characteristic pattern of interaction generates the stress from which relief is "sought" by means of abuse. This formulation permits the derivation of sixteen specific hypotheses. Testing of these hypotheses will be in two parts: 1) a family interview conducted in the homes of the abusive (n=20) and non-abusive (n=20) subject families; and 2) two experimental family interaction tasks performed under controlled laboratory conditions.

Sponsoring Organization: Sponsorship is presently being sought.

Duration: September 1, 1979 to August 31, 1980.

Financing: Financing is presently being sought.

Further Correspondence to: Michael Benjamin,
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No. 214,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M6E 2K2

Title: Developmental Set and Child Abuse.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

The purpose of this study was to explore whether a relationship exists between child abuse and a mother's knowledge of growth and development. Two groups of single parent, female-headed families were chosen in the community. Twenty-three mothers participated in a thirty card growth and development sort, derived by the author from a developmental profile by Alpern and Boll (1972), indicating their understanding of when a child could first perform the behavior. The mothers were also assigned a number on an abuse continuum.

No significant relationship was found between level of abuse or knowledge of growth and development. Some significant associations were found within the demographic characteristics.

Sponsoring Organization: Thesis submitted for a masters of science in nursing degree.

Duration: October 1977 to May 1978.

Further Correspondence to: Gail Lindsay,
Borough of York Health
Department,
2700 Eglinton Avenue,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Title: Inter-Agency Intervention Program.

Status: First Phase (development) - completed.
Second Phase - in progress.

Project Description:

The Interagency Intervention Program is operated by staff and volunteers for physically abusing and abuse-prone mothers and their pre-school children. Its objective is to prevent physical abuse and re-abuse of children, by reducing the social isolation of mothers, by improving their self-esteem and by enabling them to develop better coping skills to get help for themselves and their child. This is achieved through participation in activity focussing on parenting skills and on problem solving that concerns stress-related dilemmas as presented by the individual mothers, and by crafts work.

Sponsoring Organization: (both phases) Etobicoke Branch, Children's Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto, Toronto, Ontario; Thistletown Regional Centre, 51 Panorama Court, Rexdale, Ontario. M9V 4L8; Thistletown Lions Club.

Duration: First Phase May 1977 to June 1978; Second Phase November 1978 to present.

Financing: (both phases) Children's Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto; Thistletown Lions Club.

Report: First Phase - Evaluation of the Abuse Prone Mothers Program (Mazuryk, G., 1979).

Further Correspondence to: Anna Welburn,
Branch Director,
Etobicoke Branch,
Children's Aid Society of
Metropolitan Toronto,
1243 Islington Avenue,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Title: Families for Abused Children's Treatment and Safety (F.A.C.T.S.).

Status: Developmental Phase - program (B. Hean) and research (K. Connally) completed.
Demonstration Phase - program proposal (I. Whitely, V. Taylor) and evaluation proposals (R.L. Rodensky, Ph.D.) completed.

Project Description:

To re-unite abused children (from infants up to 12-year olds) with their abusing parents. By "enriching" the traditional model of foster care, abused children receive more effective service than is typically provided by traditional foster care. Such enrichment also permits the foster parents to give service to the natural parents so that they may provide a safe home for their child.

A small group of foster couples is given extra supports in terms of training in child management, child abuse, plus regular group work provided by experienced social workers. The group also acts in a teaching and supportive role and facilitates solving problems concerning abusing parents and abused children. The group leaders assist members in understanding and becoming self-aware so that they can better nurture the foster children and their natural parents. The foster parents also reach out to the natural parents by modelling their parenting skills in their own home, and by caring and accepting children and parents alike.

Findings to date: An 18-month development project indicated a high success rate in returning and maintaining children safely in their own homes (thus far 11 out of 16 children), plus a high degree of foster parent satisfaction, with none of the seven couples burning out.

Sponsoring Organizations: Children's Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto; Scarborough Branch with Department of Public Health Scarborough Branch; West End Creche Scarborough Branch; Developmental Phase: Children's Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto, Scarborough Branch, Central Toronto Youth Services.

Financing: Developmental Phase: Central Toronto Youth Services (from March 1977 to June 1979) and Children's Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto.

Reports: Demonstration Phase: F.A.C.T.S. Project (Whitely, Taylor and Rodensky, 1979).
Developmental Phase: Interim report on F.A.C.T.S. project (Connally, 1977); Report on F.A.C.T.S. project (Connally, 1978).

Further Correspondence to: Mr. Vince Taylor,
OR
for reports or questions Mrs. I. Whitely,
about demonstration pro- Children's Aid Society,
gram content: of Metropolitan Toronto,
Scarborough Branch,
843 Kennedy Road,
SCARBOROUGH, Ontario.
M4Y 1R9

for questions about R.L. Rodensky, Ph.D.,
demonstration evaluation Planning and Development,
plans: Children's Aid Society
of Metropolitan Toronto,
33 Charles Street East,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M4Y 1R9

for questions about Ms. Kathleen Connally,
Development Phase c/o Central Toronto Youth
evaluation: Services,
696 Yonge Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Title: Foster Care Research Project.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

Two types of services for foster parents are being compared on a controlled basis. One is the traditional service model and the other is a group service model in which the foster parents meet together in groups to provide mutual support, with an experienced foster couple who co-leads the group with a social worker.

In addition, psychiatric consultation is available to the groups and individuals in the groups. A variety of measures on the adjustment of the children are being taken. One of the hypotheses is that there will be a lower placement breakdown rate in the group service model.

Sponsoring Organization: Thistletown Regional Centre, and
Children's Aid Society of Metropolitan Toronto.

Duration: 1979 - January 1981.

Financing: Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. Philip Barker,
Director of Psychiatric
Education,
Thistletown Regional Centre,
51 Panorama Court,
REXDALE, Ontario.
M9V 4L8

Title: Retrospective Study of Cases of Child Abuse Known to Toronto Hospital for Sick Children, Metro Toronto Children's Aid Society, Family Court of Ontario, and Family Court Clinic, Clarke Institute, during years 1973 through 1977.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

Material from the charts of all the institutions will be compiled to provide basic demographic data, to compare the decision making in the health, child welfare and legal systems, and to note the kinds of treatment planned and actually provided.

Sponsoring Organization: Clarke Institute for Psychiatry.

Duration: April 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980.

Financing: Hospital for Sick Children Foundation.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. Paula Caplan,
Chief Investigator,
Family Court Clinic,
950 Yonge Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M4W 2J4

Title: Child Abuse: Awareness Expansion Project.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

1. To examine the degree to which lay and professional communities believe that child abuse can be prevented through early identification and appropriate treatment.
2. To develop an increased sense of caring and responsibility for all children by adults, especially teachers.
3. To provide a practical means for dealing with the majority of abused youth who are never identified or treated.

Community education via speaking engagements with a wide range of adult groups and associations as well as with high school students and teachers in family life courses.

Sponsoring Organization: Separation Counselling Services (Markham).

Duration: January 1979 - June 1980 (18 months).

Financing: Fees for service.

Further Correspondence to: Mario Bartoletti,
Separation Counselling Services,
R.R. 1,
SUNDERLAND, Ontario.
LOC 1H0

Title: Child Abuse Team.

Status: Developmental Phase - completed; evaluation of
1st year's operation due in June 1979.

Project Description:

The formation of a Child Abuse Team aids individuals in the identification of abusive or at risk families, ensures supportive intervention and follow-up through group decision. Its role becomes educational and preventive.

Any individual believing that a child has actually been abused or neglected, or is at risk may report to a member of the Child Abuse Team.

The team meets regularly, and as needed, to decide if intervention is necessary and who shall provide the care. Those with special interest, i.e. family physician, are included.

Although hospital-based, the team is multidisciplinary. Membership includes Physicians, Nurses, Social Service, Public Health, Children's Aid and Police.

Sponsoring Organization: Oakville/Trafalgar Memorial
Hospital.

Financing: Participating agencies for staff time - Hospital,
Public Health, C.A.S., Police, Private
Physicians.

Further Correspondence to: Mrs. J. Downing,
Co-ordinator,
Child Abuse Team,
Oakville/Trafalgar Memorial
Hospital,
327 Reynolds Street,
OAKVILLE, Ontario.

Title: The Children of the Community of Windsor.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

This study delineates services available to children (0-16 years) in the community of Windsor by studying the legislation, the programs, facilities, organizations, and agencies which provide children, by law and by other means, with the opportunity to develop and grow.

The researchers interviewed persons from the facilities, agencies, programs, and organizations.

This study includes recommendations and a bibliography.

Sponsoring Organization: Legal Assistance of Windsor and local initiatives.

Duration: August 1977.

Financing: Local Initiative Program.

Report: The Children of the Community of Windsor - by Linda MacDonald, Jane Vincent, Charles Wrock, Researchers, 347 pp.

Further Correspondence to: Dolores J. Blonde,
Project Director,
c/o Legal Assistance of Windsor,
85 Wyandotte Street West,
WINDSOR, Ontario.
N9A 5W6

Title: The Child's Ombudsman - A Feasibility Study.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

This a comprehensive study which delineates the legal position of the child in Ontario. The study's purpose is to report on the feasibility of having a child's ombudsman within the Family Court system in order to protect the rights of the child.

The areas explored include: school attendance, custody disputes, hospital emergency rooms and child abuse, residential programs, and legal representation.

The study concluded that the ombudsman would be a feasible means of assuring the protection of the child's rights.

Sponsoring Organization: Legal Assistance of Windsor.

Duration: June 1978.

Financing: Legal Assistance of Windsor Student Project.

Report: "The Child's Ombudsman a Feasibility Study" by Linda MacDonald, Charles Wrock and Norris Yang, Researchers, 389 pp.

Further Correspondence to: Dolores J. Blonde,
Co-ordinator of Programs,
c/o Legal Assistance of Windsor,
85 Wyandotte Street West,
WINDSOR, Ontario.
N9A 5W6

Title: Battered Women: Emergency Shelter and the Law.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

To outline the problems and dynamics involved in wife abuse.

This study deals with the incidence, profiles of persons involved, the battering incident, and the law relating to battered women.

Emergency shelter and follow-up services, for battered women are important areas which are explored in the study: public education, counselling services availability of emergency shelter, and specific information concerning Hiatus House, the local emergency shelter for battered women.

Recommendations and a bibliography are included in this study.

Sponsoring Organization: Community Law Program, Faculty of Law, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario and Legal Assistance of Windsor.

Duration: August 1976.

Financing: Secretary of State Student Community Service.

Report: Battered Women: Emergency Shelter and the Law - by Mark Handelman and Wendy Ward, Researchers, 69 pp.

Further Correspondence to: Dolores J. Blonde,
Project Director,
c/o Legal Assistance of Windsor,
85 Wyandotte Street West,
WINDSOR, Ontario.
N9A 5W6

Title: An Approach to the Etiology of Wife Abuse.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

This project is a submitted thesis which studies the stated determinants of physical abuse in married women based on the premise that there is a relationship between behavior dynamics in early family relationship and marital choice.

The main theoretical areas used in reviewing literature are: personality development and behavior, marital choice, stress and its effects on the family, and emotional factors.

Findings include: earlier separation from family of origin is related to greater violence severity in the marital relationship; the more abuse in the family of origin, the more she was abused by her fiancé before marriage; more abuse in family of origin, the less agreement there was on demonstration of affection in marriage; and when abuse was not present in family of origin, the spouse was more able to discuss his anger. The study includes recommendations and selected readings.

Sponsoring Organization: Master's Thesis, University of Windsor.

Duration: September 1977.

Financing: Master's Thesis.

Report: An Approach to the Etiology of Wife Abuse a Master's Thesis submitted to School of Social Work by Anne M. Hauser and June N. Wilton, Researchers, 167 pp.

Further Correspondence to: Director,
School of Social Work,
University of Windsor,
Sunset Street,
WINDSOR, Ontario.
N9B 3P4

Title: Non-Physical Criteria Which is Used in the
Identification of Abusive Families.

Status: Project to be completed Fall 1979.

Project Description:

To examine those characteristics of abusive families described in the literature in terms of their usefulness in the identification of abusive families to professionals employed in the field. A series of two questionnaires rating these characteristics for abusing and non-abusing families will be administered to professionals from a variety of disciplines who are presently dealing with both groups of clients. Comparisons of the results will be made for both groups of client families. (Principal Researchers: Henry Matheson, Willy Vandereerden).

Duration: September 1979 to September 1980.

Financing: University of Windsor.

Report: M.S.W. Thesis; University of Windsor Library.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. John Barnes,
Director,
School of Social Work,
University of Windsor,
WINDSOR, Ontario.
N9B 3P4
Attention: Henry Matheson
Willy Vandereerden

Title: Sexual Assault of Children: Under Twelve Years of Age.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

To investigate the dynamics of the assault situation, the demographic and psychosocial characteristics of the child involved in the assault, and the follow-up care afforded to the child by relevant social agencies (i.e. The hospital, the police, and the Children's Aid Societies). A secondary purpose was to compare children who had been assaulted on one occasion with those who had been involved in an incident on more than one occasion. It was hypothesized that differences between the two groups would be evident. The results support the hypothesis, particularly with respect to the psychosocial variables which were studied.

Sponsoring Organization: Master's Thesis; The Hospital for Sick Children; The Metropolitan Toronto Police; Youth Bureau; The Catholic Children's Aid Society; The Children's Aid Society of Metro Toronto.

Duration: September 1976 to October 1978.

Financing: N/A

Report: Sexual Assault of Children: Under Twelve Years of Age - by Macrina V. Donovan, 179 pp.

Further Correspondence to: Ms. Macrina V. Donovan,
90 Farnham Avenue,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M4V 1H4

Title: Family Day Care Services.

Status: Demonstration Project - under consideration.

Project Description:

Children subject to parental abuse must, in many cases, either be left in situations of risk or else be removed from their own homes completely for a period while ameliorative measures are attempted by the protective agency.

Private home day care enables education and treatment to be offered to families while children remain in parental custody and in familiar surroundings, with the safeguard of part-time care in a nearby home on a regular or "on-demand" basis. This mode provides parent relief and opportunities to model child nurturing and management skills.

This is a proposal to work collaboratively with a Children's Aid Society who would use our home day care as one resource in a preventive or protective service.

Sponsoring Organization: Family Day Care Services.

Further Correspondence to: John Pepin,
Executive Director,
Family Day Care Services,
380 Sherbourne Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M4X 1K2

Title: Violence in the Home - A Study/Action Paper.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

The church has a real concern for, and a role to play, in the quality of family life. The family is under a great deal of pressure in today's world. At times the effect of this pressure is violence - physical, emotional and spiritual. The frequency of such acts of violence is greater than is generally admitted in society. The tradition of the sanctity of the home makes the whole topic taboo. This paper is intended to open up the subject for understanding by concerned Christians, and hopes to offer some concrete suggestions for action. The church needs to acknowledge two things: 1) that violence exists in the homes of church people; and 2) that the church has a role to play in improving the quality of family life which can help to decrease the incidence of such violence. The reader is asked to be alert to these two things as he/she studies this paper. (Principal Researchers: Rev. Terrance Ingram, Rev. Rod Ferguson).

Sponsoring Organization: The Board of Congregational Life;
The Presbyterian Church of Canada.

Reports: "Violence in the Home": A Study/Action Paper.
Part I "Violence in the Home: Wife Battering".
Part II "Violence in the Home: Child Abuse".
Part III "Discussion Guide".
Cost: 25¢ each

Further Correspondence to: Rev. John B. Duncan,
Associate Secretary,
The Presbyterian Church in
Canada,
50 Wynford Drive,
DON MILLS, Ontario.
M3C 1J7

Title: Domestic Intervention Program.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

This is a referral agency to which persons with identified domestic problems may be directed. These referrals are received through two channels: 1) Distress Line (sister program) volunteer workers involved in both areas; and 2) through complaint calls answered by police officers of the Peel Regional Police Force. Persons involved in domestic disputes are made aware of the service and given assistance in making contact with them by the police officer when required. The Domestic Intervention Program workers are volunteers who try to give initial counselling, monitor the disputes, and work with the family toward making the necessary social aid contacts. The program became procedurally effective with the Peel Regional Police Force on November 15, 1977. This program required explanation and research at a field level which could not be accomplished with volunteer staff.

Financing: Canada Works Grant; Employment and Immigration Canada.

Further Correspondence to: Mr. Tom Raterman,
Coordinator,
Domestic Intervention Program,
Box 465,
Port Credit Postal Station,
MISSISSAUGA, Ontario.

Title: Child Abuse Program.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

A Board which examines child abuse cases has been established at both local hospitals in the Peel Region. The Board consists of medical staff from the hospitals, representatives from the police, and social agencies. This Board examines each identified case of child abuse brought before them for the purpose of deciding what action should be taken.

Sponsoring Organization: Mississauga General Hospital, and
Peel Memorial Hospital.

Duration: May 1975 to present.

Further Correspondence to: Staff Sergeant Reg Kay,
Youth Bureau,
Peel Regional Police Force
Representative for the Child
Abuse Program,
No. 11 Division,
Peel Regional Police Force,
80 Dundas Street West,
MISSISSAUGA, Ontario.

Title: Ontario Provincial Police.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

The Ontario Provincial Police have an extensive In-Service Training Program whereby lectures are prepared and given to all personnel on various subjects. After the lecture has been presented to Force members, a manual on the subject is placed in all Force libraries for permanent reference.

Domestic Complaints

This manual deals with the problems associated with this potentially dangerous situation. It has been developed and revised over the years as experience and need dictate. It was given again last year as a lecture to the Force.

Handling the Mentally Handicapped

This manual complements the Domestic Complaints lecture but deals with special considerations. In addition, it covers the ongoing police situation dealing with these less fortunate individuals.

Child Abuse

The Domestic Complaints lecture has a short segment on child abuse and a complete lecture is also being developed on this subject.

Seminars

The Ontario Provincial Police have a member involved on a full-time basis with the Ministry of the Solicitor General, dealing with police concerns, one of which is child abuse. One of the staff members in Toronto has been involved for many years in this field and for the past three years has been a member of a Government Committee on Child Abuse. The Training Branch has been involved for the last three years, participating in inter-professional seminars across the province. These seminars are attended by all the affected disciplines.

Ontario Provincial Police personnel, when on refresher courses, all receive training on crisis intervention, and the Ontario Police College at present is involved in role-playing these situations.

The forensic Pathology and the Homicide Investigator courses conducted each year, show the end results of the tragedies, and Ontario Provincial Police members attending each year go back to their respective duties with resolve to make this problem known and deal with it in their area.

Presently in Pembroke, Ontario, the Ontario Provincial Police has a member working with all the professional disciplines with regard to child abuse and they have an information sharing basis in the group. The results so far have been very positive.

Abuse of the elderly to date has been handled by the Force on "as it happens basis" with a thorough investigation taking place on each report.

Further Correspondence to: Fred R. Blucher,
Staff Superintendent,
Director, Training Branch,
Ontario Provincial Police,
291 Sherbourne Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M5A 2R9

Title: Metropolitan Toronto Police Force: Family
Violence Intervention.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

The Metropolitan Toronto Police Force has no written procedure for dealing with domestic disputes. However, recruits receive oral instruction during initial training and the subject is further dealt with during in-service training which officers must attend every three years.

It is the policy of the Force to dispatch a police officer to all calls for assistance. Calls for domestic disputes are initially attended by two officers. Domestic calls involving violence, weapons or child abuse are given priority and additional officers are dispatched, if required.

Criminal charges arising from domestic disputes are seldom laid by attending officers unless a weapon is used or injury sustained. Both parties are advised of available social agencies and the aggrieved person is made aware of his/her right to initiate court action. If a person wishes to take court action he/she is advised to attend the Juvenile and Family Court in the jurisdiction in which they live. Police officers attending domestic calls, after pacifying the participants and advising them of their legal rights, complete a "Chronic Domestic Report" form. This form is forwarded to divisional community service officers. The community service officer receiving the report determines if a follow-up is necessary and, if so, will contact the family. After discussing the problem with the family, the officer will try to make referrals to the appropriate social agency. Liaison with social agencies and community groups is maintained by community service officers assigned to each division.

The guidelines set down by the Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General dealing with child abuse are adhered to by the Metropolitan Toronto Police Force.

This list by no means limits the range of offences within which child abuse cases may fall and is intended to stress the importance with which child abuse must be regarded:

Guidelines

1. The Children's Aid Society must notify immediately and consult with the local police upon receipt of a report of suspected child abuse.
2. The police must notify immediately and consult with the local Children's Aid Society upon receipt of a report of suspected child abuse.
3. At the time of notification and consultation a decision must be made as to the most appropriate and effective means of investigation. Possible approaches are:
 - a) Parallel C.A.S./police investigation;
 - b) Joint C.A.S./police investigation.
4. There must be mutual sharing of relevant information respecting the investigation.
5. In abuse cases Children's Aid Societies and police should be involved jointly whenever possible in decisions concerning the protection of the child. Primary responsibility for the protection of a child shall, however, remain with the Children's Aid Society.
6. Where the police are considering a criminal prosecution, they should normally consult with the Children's Aid Society and other involved professionals prior to laying charges. Primary responsibility for the enforcement of law and the prosecution of offences shall, however, remain with the police.
7. Children's Aid Societies and police should both be involved in local Child Abuse Teams and conferences on cases of child abuse.
8. Children's Aid Societies and police should work together to develop a better understanding of each other's concerns, responsibilities and problems. They should exchange information and training materials on child abuse. They should also involve social workers, physicians, nurses, lawyers, judges and teachers in order that these groups will be kept informed of all aspects of the child abuse problem, including indicators, investigation, reporting, legislation and referral procedures.

Further Correspondence to: J. Marks,
Staff Superintendent,
Executive Officer,
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Force,
590 Jarvis Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.
M4Y 2J5

Title: Family Consultant Service with the London Police Force.

Status: Developmental - completed.
Demonstration - completed.
Service - established.
Research and Evaluation Component - in progress.

Project Description:

The Family Consultant Service, a crisis intervention program with the London Police Force, is an innovative approach to the field of prevention by mental health and police professionals. The Family Consultant Service employs five mental health personnel who work as a civilian branch within the police force in order to immediately respond to family-related crises. The service operates directly out of police headquarters and provides service from 9 a.m. to 4 a.m. weekdays and noon to 4 a.m. on weekends. This seven-day-a-week schedule optimizes service availability and program costs vis-a-vis community and police needs. The consultants, who are in constant radio contact with the communications centre for the police, are mobile and can therefore provide immediate assistance to police crisis calls. For the most part, a uniformed officer will attend a call first and make a decision as to whether to call in a Family Consultant. The Family Consultant attends at the scene of the crisis and his/her role is to provide as much counselling as is considered necessary to bring the family or individual through the immediate crisis situation. If the consultant feels that ongoing support after the time of crisis is important, a referral to a local social service agency is made. The most frequent types of cases handled by Family Consultants involve marital disputes, interspousal assaults, runaway juveniles, behavior management difficulties with juveniles, child abuse or neglect, depression, alcohol abuse, senility, suicidal threats, and sexual deviation. The Family Consultants are also involved in the training of police officers at both formal and informal levels.

The Family Consultant Service on the basis of preliminary evaluation appears to be an effective and useful mechanism for crisis intervention, which capitalizes both on the mobility and immediacy of contact by police as well as the professional service available from community agencies. The ability of such an approach to intervene during crisis maximizes the probability of successful coping and may prove to be an efficient means to facilitate significant prevention by both police and mental health professionals.

Sponsoring Organization: Service - London Police Force;
Research - Department of
Psychology, University of Western
Ontario.

Financing:

- a) Developmental Phase: The Richard and Jean Ivey Fund, and the Donnor Canadian Foundation (1972-1974).
- b) Demonstration Phase: Federal and Provincial Departments of the Solicitor General (1974-1976).
- c) Ongoing Service: Municipal funding.
- d) Evaluative Research Component: Federal Department of the Solicitor General (1978-1980).

Report: Numerous, available upon request.

Further Correspondence to: Judy Thompson,
Research Coordinator,
Family Consultant Service,
London Police Force,
Box 3415,
LONDON, Ontario.
N6A 4K9

Title: Home Intervention Team.

Status: To begin April 1, 1979.

Project Description:

A program which will provide a 24-hour service to the Police Department in Hamilton by making trained social workers available to accompany officers on domestic disturbance calls. The staff will work with families, with their agreement, in order to reach a resolution of the problem at hand at the time of crisis. Families requiring long-term service are referred to the appropriate social agency.

Sponsoring Organization: Home Intervention Team Project
Board of Directors.

Duration: April 1, 1979 to April 1, 1982.

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare
Canada; Ministry of Solicitor General Canada;
Ontario Ministry of Community and Social
Services.

Report: None.

Further Correspondence to: Chairman,
Board of Directors,
Home Intervention Team,
Unified Family Court,
100 James Street South,
HAMILTON, Ontario.
L8P 2Z3

Title: Sarnia Police Force: Domestic Violence Projects.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

The direction of police involvement of the Sarnia Police Force in domestic violence, as in other social ills, has moved to focus on prevention through community awareness and understanding. Two such endeavors are now operational:

1. Community Advisory and Social Service (C.A.S.S.)

To present to the community a confidential and comprehensive referral service to available counselling and guidance resources of their community.

Line workers are on the group. These are the in-take workers for each of the following organizations: Police, Probation, Children's Aid Society, Public Health, and Attendance Counsellors from both public and private school boards.

The program is designed to assist children and their families before some form of community intervention must take place.

The family attends an informal interview session in which they have consented to share the information of these services to their family and consider the group's recommendations.

2. The Child in Need of Protection Operational Priority

To clearly establish a working system of priority among police, the Children's Aid Society and the public defining the child in need of protection.

To eliminate the opinion factor as much as possible in child abuse and neglect investigation and reporting.

To establish clear-cut responsibilities of expected response and action in light of agreed upon circumstance.

A working priority list was established. This list is an on-line manual for dealing with the problem. This priority list is to be printed on plasticized cards

with the back of the card having those sections of the Child Welfare Act dealing with reporting and the new penalty section.

Aside from this card being carried by police officers and Children's Aid Society workers, it will be made available to the medical, legal and teaching professions, as well as the public at large.

Further Correspondence to: R.F. Cook,
Chief of Police,
Sarnia Police Force,
170 South Front Street,
SARNIA, Ontario.
N7T 2M5

Title: North Bay Police Force.

Project Description:

Police officers of the North Bay Police Force have attended a number of seminars on child abuse at local hospitals, sponsored by the Government of Ontario.

The Children's Aid Society in North Bay is in the process of forming a Child Abuse Team in which the Juvenile Officer has been asked to participate. Once the team is established, various resource people will be contacted for assistance.

Further Correspondence to: G.S. Leppan,
Deputy Chief of Police,
North Bay Police Force,
135 Princess Street West,
Box 717,
NORTH BAY, Ontario.
P1B 8J8

Title: Ottawa Police Department: Domestic Violence Projects.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

The Ottawa Police Department liaises with outside agencies regarding cases of domestic violence. At this time, they have members of the Force serving on committees of the Ad Hoc Advisory Community Co-ordinating Committee on Child Abuse and Inter-Family Violence.

All police recruits in the Province of Ontario are trained at the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, Ontario. The curriculum of this establishment includes inter-family violence and crisis intervention training.

Further Correspondence to: Thomas E. Welsh,
Chief of Police,
Ottawa Police Department,
OTTAWA, Ontario.
K1N 7G5

Title: Peterborough Police Department: Domestic
Violence Project.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

The Peterborough Police Department has established a Family Consultant Service with the overall objective of improving the domestic and mental health of the community. Within this Service, a program has been implemented whereby officers who have a child abuse report or investigation discuss the case in consultation with the Children's Aid Society, medical resources, and the child abuse committee. This team decides the disposition of the case.

In addition, the Peterborough Police Department is participating with local social agencies in the establishment of a proposed project to set up a Crisis Intervention Team. Initial research would involve an examination of the Department's statistics and statistics from other places. The end result of this research would be implementation of a pilot project. This project would operate by utilizing volunteers, or a combination of trained volunteers and professional social workers. The team, once established, would be a separate entity and not part of the police force.

The concept is to mobilize a team of social workers who will respond and intervene in family crisis situations at the time of the crisis. If it was a police-related call, the team would respond at their request and police would leave once they were satisfied there was no evidence of a criminal offence and no threat of physical harm coming to the parties involved.

The intervention team would then attempt to resolve the crisis by counselling, by referral or other techniques available to them. The team would also do follow-up, making sure appointments were kept, etc.

The project was initiated as a result of the Department doing research on their domestic calls and disseminating the information to local social agencies. A number of volunteer groups have already been involved and, with two exceptions, the feedback from meetings has been positive and enthusiastic.

Once every two years, all law enforcement personnel participate in a week in-service training program. At this time, domestic violence is covered.

Further Correspondence to: J.A. Armstrong,
Deputy Chief of Police,
Peterborough Police Department,
500 Water Street,
PETERBOROUGH, Ontario.
K9H 3M4

Title: Brantford Police Force: Domestic Violence Project.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

The Brantford Police Force is represented on two committees dealing with domestic violence.

One is a project dealing with battered wives. Facilities are made available for a woman and, if necessary, her children, to stay temporarily while authorities look into the circumstances. It is sponsored by the Brant County Family Service Bureau, with participating representatives from the Police, Family Court, Children's Aid Society, Social Service, Red Cross, Labour and many more.

The project dealing with child abuse is still in its infancy. A committee has been formed that includes local agencies involved with children, including the Children's Aid Society, the medical profession, law profession and the police, to name a few. Their objective is to set out procedures that will hopefully lead to interagency co-ordination, co-operation and trust.

Further Correspondence to: John G. Weir,
Chief of Police,
Brantford Police Force,
Box 1116,
BRANTFORD, Ontario.
N3T 5T3

Title: Sault Ste. Marie Police Force.

Project Description:

The Department is considering the introduction of an extensive in-service training program for police officers to educate them in recognizing and dealing with domestic violence. This would involve a video program, preferably followed by a talk from a person fully informed on the subject. A prepared handout would add immeasurably to the program.

Further Correspondence to: R.T. McEwen,
Chief of Police,
Police Force,
Box 235,
SAULT STE. MARIE, Ontario.
P6A 5L6

MANITOBA MATERIAL

Title: Manitoba Ministry of Health and Community
Services: Child Abuse Projects.

Project Description:

In Manitoba, remedial and preventive child abuse programs form an integral part of child welfare services. These services are delivered by child caring agencies under the provisions of The Child Welfare Act, administered and enforced within the Department of Health and Community Services by the Director of Child Welfare. The Department, therefore, plays a leading role in the development and provision of services to abused children and their families.

The Province has been able to gain considerable knowledge of the child abuse phenomenon in recent years, through initiatives undertaken to strengthen remedial and preventive services. In addition, Manitoba continues to promote widespread public awareness of the problem.

Since 1970, the reporting of incidents of child abuse has been mandatory under law, with reporters accorded legal protection from civil suit actions. The Registry for Physically Abused Children in Manitoba was established in 1971 to facilitate the reporting and recording of child abuse cases. The Registry serves to document the extent of child abuse in the Province, and protects victims through appropriate intervention methods. In 1976, a cooperative effort between the Department of Health and Community Services and the Department of the Attorney-General resulted in the development of cooperative service guidelines for medical, social and legal professionals and agencies in sharing confidential information and coordinating criminal court action. Major emphasis is now being placed on preventive programming and publicity designed to combat and reduce the incidence of, and the damage resulting from, child abuse.

Child abuse represents one of the darker realities of modern society. Canadians have a responsibility to assist in finding solutions for children and parents involved in child abuse, and for the growth, development and well-being of all our children.

Further Correspondence to: The Honourable L.R. Sherman,
Minister of Health and Community
Services,
Province of MANITOBA.

Title: Battered and Neglected Children: Developmental Characteristics and the Familial - Environmental Factors Involved in the Generation of Abuse.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

Groups of battered, neglected, and non-abused children between the ages of 2 to 6 years were compared. It was found that the battered children lagged significantly in intellectual and linguistic development. The neglected children were also lagging, though much less so. The findings regarding factors involved in the generation of abuse support an interactional model. Parental characteristics interact with child characteristics and environmental stress factors to produce abuse. Of particular importance were the parents' own histories with abusive behavior. A significantly higher percentage of battering parents had been battered, neglected, and placed in foster homes as children than either neglecting or non-abusing parents. The results of the study make it imperative that the cycle of child abuse be interrupted to prevent the abused child of today from becoming the child abuser of tomorrow. (Principal Researcher: T.D. Pezzot-Pearce, Department of Psychology, University of Manitoba).

Duration: January 1, 1975 to November 30, 1977.

Financing: Manitoba Medical Services Foundation.

Report: "Battered and Neglected Children: Developmental Characteristics and the Familial - Environmental Factors Involved in the Generation of Abuse"
Master's Thesis, University of Manitoba,
Winnipeg, Manitoba, 1977, by T.D. Pezzot.

Further Correspondence to: T.D. Pezzot-Pearce,
Department of Psychology,
University of Manitoba,
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.
R3T 2N2

Title: St. Boniface General Hospital Child Abuse
Committee.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

St. Boniface General Hospital established a Child Abuse Committee in 1975. The goals and objectives were: identification of potential or actual cases of abuse; protection; reporting and liaison to appropriate child protection agencies; establishment of treatment programs; and education.

This committee continues to be very active and membership on the committee consists of representation from medical, nursing and social service disciplines: Emergency Department, Pediatrics and Neonatal/Obstetrical Units. Outside hospital agencies involved in ongoing work are the Winnipeg City Police Department, the Children's Aid Societies of Winnipeg and Eastern Manitoba, and the Department of Health and Community Services.

Further Correspondence to: Ms. Denise Hnatiuk,
Nursing Co-ordinator,
Pediatric Medicine,
St. Boniface General Hospital,
409 Tache Avenue,
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.
R2H 2A6

Title: Community Resources for Suicidal Adolescents.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

This project was designed to study community resources for suicidal adolescents in Winnipeg. This summer 1979 project dealt with twelve to nineteen-year-olds and examined the process and services available at agencies, youth centres, Children's Aid Societies and hospitals.

Report: Findings not publicly available.

Further Correspondence to: Ms. Penny Yellen,
(Winnipeg Branch, National
Council of Jewish Women of
Canada)
c/o Mrs. Eva Goldenberg,
National Vice-President,
National Council of Jewish
Women of Canada,
300A Wilson Avenue,
Suite 2,
DOWNSVIEW, Ontario.
M3H 1S8

Title: Winnipeg Police Department Child Abuse Project.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

The Winnipeg Police Department has a Child Abuse Unit consisting of a Detective Sergeant and six plain clothes officers in the Juvenile Division to work in conjunction with the abuse units from the Children's Hospital, St. Boniface Hospital and the Children's Aid Society of Manitoba. Procedural guidelines drawn up by the Minister of Health and Social Development and the Attorney-General of Manitoba brought about the required cooperation of agencies. There is a mutual sharing of confidential information with respect to all facts uncovered in an investigation of cases of child abuse.

Regular monthly meetings between the abuse units of the hospitals, Children's Aid Societies and police are held where cases are discussed, both new and ongoing. In the discussion of new cases a decision is made by all members of the committee as to the appropriate action to be taken with respect to both the abused child and the abuser to decide whether criminal prosecution will be initiated, or if it is a matter that can be dealt with by counselling. Ongoing cases are continually monitored.

In the Winnipeg area, cooperation in child abuse cases between the organizations named has been in operation for some time, and has worked out favorably as a multi-disciplinary team approach.

Further Correspondence to: R.A. Wilson,
Acting Chief of Police,
Winnipeg Police Department,
Box 1680,
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.
R3C 2Z7

Title: Brandon Police Department.

Project Description:

The Brandon City Police Department has no program in operation at this time, nor has it ever had such a program pertinent to the management of domestic violence.

When the Department is called to investigate a domestic dispute, the police attend as "mediators" to the situation. No members are assigned to this function, and members attend these calls as part of their routine duty.

At present, the Department has one member assigned to investigate child abuse in cooperation with the Children's Aid Society of Western Manitoba. However, due to lack of resources such investigative time is limited. No preventative or counselling measures are conducted by the Department.

Should resources be made available, the Department would like to implement a program whereby selected resource persons would:

- a) thoroughly investigate all complaints of domestic violence with proper referrals;
- b) counsel and educate those persons in need; and
- c) develop a program of public awareness as the situation dictates within the community.

Further Correspondence to: D.A. McNamee,
Chief Constable,
Brandon City Police Department,
BRANDON, Manitoba.

Title: Native Family Life Counselling Program
Incorporated.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

The Native Family Life Counselling Program Incorporated received a grant from Health and Welfare Canada to conduct an evaluation of the effectiveness of the program which is designed to:

1. Develop, update and improve curriculum and training methods for a program in family therapy, models of family counselling for Native people in an urban setting.
2. Provide training in the concepts of family dynamics and in the principles and methods of family therapy and counselling as they relate to Native peoples living in an urban setting.
3. Provide a learning and growing experience for Native trainees in development of self identity.
4. Provide an opportunity for the Native community to be actively involved in the planning-decision making process, development and implementation of a program in the social service field.
5. Foster an interest among social service agencies, with a large Native clientele, in developing a family unit approach to prevention diagnosis and rehabilitation work with Native people in Greater Winnipeg.
6. Assure employment upon graduation, and access to a continuing career in the social service field.

Sponsoring Organization: Native Family Life Counselling
Program Incorporated.

Duration: 1976-1977, 1977-1978.

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare
Canada.

Further Correspondence to: Director,
Native Family Life Counselling
Program Incorporated,
450 Flora Street,
Room 41,
WINNIPEG, Manitoba.
R2W 2R8

SASKATCHEWAN MATERIAL

Title: Child Protection Services, Saskatchewan Social
Services: Child Abuse Projects.

Project Description:

Saskatchewan Social Services is the sole mandated agency delivering protective services to children and families in the province. The legislative authority emanates from the Family Services Act which gives the department power to investigate and intervene with families where abuse and neglect may be present. Under Section 16 of the Act every person must report a case where a child may be in need of protection. Services are delivered 24 hours a day through 20 regional offices in our province.

A central child protection registry retains information on cases of child abuse and neglect. Statistical information, material for research purposes and interjurisdictional tracking are provided by registry information.

In the last two years a concerted effort at enhancing public and professional awareness of child maltreatment in Saskatchewan has been made. Training programs for child protection personnel, law enforcement officers, the health professions and teachers have been conducted extensively throughout the province. A modest media campaign has been utilized to alert the public about the problems of child abuse, and what is and can be done in communities to aid children and their families.

Under consideration is the development of multidisciplinary child protection teams in the near future to aid us in the diagnosis and treatment planning for abused and neglected children.

Currently, regional planning committees, comprised of community professionals, are being utilized to assist the department in assessing situations where children should come into care, reviewing all emergency apprehensions and aiding in long-term treatment planning for children.

Further Correspondence to: Mr. Steve Rootman,
Program Supervisor,
Child Protection Services,
Saskatchewan Social Services,
1920 Broad Street,
REGINA, Saskatchewan.
S4P 3V6

Title: Interval House.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

The purpose of this project is to provide housing, counselling services, and community information for women and their children who are facing marital crisis or some other life emergency. The project aims to provide emergency housing and to help women in crisis examine their life situations; become aware of resources available to them and of their own skills; and to help them plan their futures. Specific programs depend on specific needs of the women and of their children. Domestic violence is or has been a factor in the lives of a portion of the clients in this project.

Sponsoring Organization: Women Alone Society, Saskatoon.

Duration: Ongoing.

Financing: Saskatchewan Department of Social Services.

Report: Annual Reports 1974 to present.

Further Correspondence to: Karen Wasylanka, Director,
Interval House,
211 - 5th Avenue North,
SASKATOON, Saskatchewan.

Barbara Bloom, Ph.D.,
ICGD (Institute of Child
Guidance and Development),
University of Saskatchewan,
SASKATOON, Saskatchewan.
S7N 0W0

Title: Women Exploring (WE).

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

The purpose of this project is to help single-parent mothers develop planning and decision-making skills; maintain already established neighborhood groups; enhance the confidence and positive self-image of the mothers; and develop and maintain quality parent-child interactions. The program is carried out through summer camping and winter self-help groups. Domestic violence is or has been a factor in the lives of a portion of the clients in this project.

Sponsoring Organization: Women Alone Socceity, Saskatoon.

Duration: Ongoing.

Financing: Employment Support Program, Saskatchewan Department of Social Services.

Report: Descriptive proposal.

Further Correspondence to: Linda Garcia, Director,
Women Exploring,
Community Aid Centre,
136 Avenue F. South,
SASKATOON, Saskatchewan.

Barbara Bloom, Ph.D.,
ICGD (Institute of Child
Guidance and Development),
University of Saskatchewan,
SASKATOON, Saskatchewan.
S7N 0W0

Title: Women in Society Today (WIST).

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

The purpose of this project is to provide services to single-parent families: helping single mothers to establish access to jobs and job-training; enhancing of child care, and specifically to find quality day-care services; personal development of mothers. The project aims to enhance the ability of single mothers to solve their own problems to maintain effective parenting, and to become increasingly aware of community resources and of their own personal skills. Individual and group planning, including neighborhood support groups, are used extensively. Domestic violence is or has been a factor in the lives of a portion of the clients in this project.

Sponsoring Organization: Women Alone Society, Saskatoon.

Duration: To June 30, 1979.

Financing: Government of Saskatchewan.

Report: Descriptive briefs.

Further Correspondence to: Corinne Hollingshead, Director,
WIST Program,
Community Aid Centre,
136 Avenue F. South,
SASKATOON, Saskatchewan.

Barbara Bloom, Ph.D.,
ICGD (Institute of Child
Guidance and Development),
University of Saskatchewan,
SASKATOON, Saskatchewan.
S7N 0W0

Title: Saskatchewan Society for the Prevention of
Cruelty to Children.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

To create a province-wide public organization demonstrating citizen involvement and concern in the well-being of children. Specifically, to advocate on behalf of children to the courts, media and official bodies; to raise the level of professional and public awareness to child mistreatment and cruelty; to link interested persons in the various parts of Saskatchewan in a common objective of reducing child misery.

The project is purely voluntary, but produces written and audio-visual materials for public and professional use; operates a library of materials for use by the public, operates a bi-weekly newsletter, accepts public concerns, refers clients for alternate services, sponsors Parents Anonymous Chapter(s), parenting programs on television, encourages the development of written material by professional and non-professional groups.

Duration: As citizen group from February 1973 - ongoing.

Financing: Saskatchewan Department of Social Services;
Donations, bequests, memberships.

Further Correspondence to: Peter Matthews,
President, Saskatchewan Society
for the Prevention of Cruelty
to Children,
2662 Eastview,
SASKATOON, Saskatchewan.
S7J 3G8
(306) 373-0051

Title: Transition House (Regina).

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

Transition House operates as a temporary shelter for battered wives and their children. The agency operates out of a centrally-located six-bedroom house which can accommodate up to six families at a time. The staff includes a Director, an Administrative Assistant, and six counsellors. Families can stay in Transition House for a maximum of six weeks and during this time they receive the following services: shelter, counselling, protection, transportation, recreation, aid in re-locating, child-care, and advocacy, information, and referral. The aims of the agency, besides providing twenty-four hour emergency service and a safe, confidential shelter, is to help families understand their situations and themselves, to learn about community resources, and to support them in their decisions toward more positive, healthy lifestyles and relationships. The staff also try to make each family's stay in Transition House a period of self-realization, independence and growth.

Sponsoring Organization: Regina Transition Women's Society.

Duration: January 12, 1976 to present.

Financing: Saskatchewan Department of Social Services and the United Way of Regina.

Further Correspondence to: Ms. K. Howe,
Director,
Transition House,
2022 Retallack Street,
REGINA, Saskatchewan.

Title: A Study of Abuse, Neglect, and Deprivation of Children Admitted to the Emergency Department of St. Paul's Hospital (Grey Nuns') of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

The Abuse, Neglect and Deprivation (A.N.D.) Study was begun to assist in the detection of cases presented in the Emergency Department of St. Paul's Hospital.

A study sheet was attached to the chart of each child sixteen years of age and younger for completion by the attending physician. These sheets were then reviewed by Social Service Staff with the aid of the hospital Child Abuse Team for appropriate disposition. For purposes of the study the sample consisted of all cases that were presented in 1977. As the study progressed the scope broadened to include information on the nature of admissions to the Emergency Department. Using this information, it was hoped to identify potential and actual cases of abuse, neglect and deprivation, and to develop preventative measures in which the hospital could play a role.

Sponsoring Organization: St. Paul's Hospital (Grey Nuns') of Saskatoon, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Duration: January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977.

Financing: St. Paul's Hospital (Grey Nuns') of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Department of Social Services; School of Social Work; University of Regina; St. Paul's Hospital Nurses Alumni.

Report: Abuse, Neglect and Deprivation of Children Admitted to the Emergency Department of St. Paul's Hospital - St. Paul's Hospital (Grey Nuns') of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, by Shirley LeClaire and Lorraine Milne, 9 pp.

Further Correspondence to: Shirley LeClaire,
Director of Social Services,
St. Paul's Hospital (Grey Nuns')
of Saskatoon,
1702 - 20th Street West,
SASKATOON, Saskatchewan.
S7M 0Z9

Title: Prince Albert Social Aid Project.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

There was a situation of large caseloads of social assistance recipients with a long history of economic dependence, limited and uncoordinated community resources to provide training and rehabilitation services, and a lack of employment opportunities.

The project was designed to test whether these dependent families could be assisted to become self-supporting by making available to them intensive rehabilitation and training services.

Small caseloads of multi-problem dependent families were selected from the general assistance roles of the Prince Albert Social Assistance Department and were assigned to five caseworkers chosen to work on the project. The approach was to make intensive use of casework services and available community resources in an effort to provide dependent families with an opportunity to improve their level of social and economic functioning to the point where they could become self-supporting.

Some limited success was achieved through the above approach. However, these efforts were considerably hampered since a serious gap existed between available community services and resources and clients' needs.

Sponsoring Organization: Saskatchewan Department of Welfare.

Duration: May 1964 to May 1967.

Financing: Saskatchewan Department of Welfare.

Report: Report of the Demonstration Services Project by
N. DesLaurier. 1968, 55 pp. (plus
appendices).

Further Correspondence to: Director,
Department of Welfare,
Saskatchewan.

Title: Parent Education Directory for Saskatchewan.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

To compile a list of programs in Parent Education in Saskatchewan. In addition to the directory, an annotated bibliography of films, and print resources will be included.

Subject areas included are:

Skills in Parenting: communications; physical, social, mental, and emotional development of the child; pre-, peri- and post-natal; teaching children about sex and death;

Problems: unwed mothers; teenage mothers; single parents; adoption; remarriage following death or divorce; abuse - alcohol, drugs, mental and physical; step-parents.

Transmission of Values: money, consumption and conservation, religious, ethical and moral values; family planning and birth control.

Interview with agencies and institutions in Saskatoon and a mailed questionnaire to other regions in Saskatchewan will provide data. Libraries in Saskatoon and Regina were searched. Films have been previewed at Saskatchewan Media and the National Film Board.

Sponsoring Organization: College of Home Economics,
University of Saskatchewan.

Duration: May 1 to August 8, 1979.

Financing: Health Protection Branch, Health and Welfare
Canada.

Further Correspondence to: Wanda Young, Ph.D.,
College of Home Economics,
University of Saskatchewan,
SASKATOON, Saskatchewan.
S7N 0W0

Title: Mobile Family Services Society.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

The overall purpose of the Mobile Family Services Society is to provide to the City of Regina an integrated, comprehensive emergency intervention service. This service is intended to operate primarily during those hours and days when the regular health and social service network is difficult for the consumer of service to gain access, and responds to crisis calls on a 24-hour basis.

The delivery of service is designed to operate across agency's defined service boundaries. Most agencies, due to budgetary and manpower constraints, are obliged either through legislation or by self-regulation limits to which they can offer services, thus creating gaps in which no service is provided or a "waiting list" in which service is delayed. It is the philosophy of Mobile Family Services Society that where services should be provided it will be provided. Mobile Family Services operates towards the goal of reducing or even eliminating the "waiting list" and identifying and covering "service gaps" until such time as line agencies can adjust their service delivery.

During the year of 1978, the unit responded to 10 395 calls related to social, health and financial emergencies, meeting the immediate need and referring to appropriate agencies for ongoing service where necessary.

Duration: 1973 to present.

Financing: Saskatchewan Department of Social Services; Non-Medical Use of Drugs Directorate, Health and Welfare Canada; City of Regina; Saskatchewan Hospital Services Plan; Department of Indian Affairs; Independent Order of Foresters (Child Abuse Line).

Report: Annual Reports.

Further Correspondence to: Barb Schultz,
Executive Director,
Mobile Family Service Society,
1109 - 11th Avenue,
REGINA, Saskatchewan.
S4P 0G4

Title: Youth Activity Centre.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

The project involves a structured Youth Centre for adolescents aged 13 - 16 in trouble with or potentially in trouble with the law. The project aims to improve teenagers attitudes, social skills and delinquent behavior. The Centre staff works closely with Probation Officers, parents and teachers. The staff and participants plan activities such as organized sports, tours of various points of interest, camping, short trips, arts and crafts and also make use of resource people to teach skills. Youth Workers work on a one-to-one basis with youngsters as well.

Participants are referred to the Centre.

Sponsoring Organization: The John Howard Society, Prince Albert Council.

Duration: July 1978 to present.

Financing: Community Services Division, Saskatchewan Department of Social Services, and the United Way.

Further Correspondence to: Tanya Owen,
Executive Secretary,
John Howard Society,
111 - 14th Street West,
PRINCE ALBERT, Saskatchewan.

Title: Total Health Awareness ("Go Bananas" - Great Opportunities for Body and Nutritional Awareness to Nourish an Active Self).

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

1. To create a total awareness physically, mentally, and socially in young children by learning the value, benefits, and creativity of healthy bodies and minds.
2. To teach children to understand and appreciate the value of proper exercise, eating habits, and special interests.
3. To develop healthful attitudes towards everyday life in children which hopefully will continue as they grow and mature.

Three two-week programs during the summer for age groups six to nine years and nine to twelve years. The areas covered were movement, exercise, fitness, nutrition, crafts and other general interests, nature lore, and outdoor activities. Nutritional lunches were provided at the noon hour. Resource personnel were utilized from the community.

Sponsoring Organization: The YWCA of Saskatoon.

Duration: May 22 to September 1, 1978.

Financing: Health Activities Summer Employment Program for Students - Health and Welfare Canada; The Saskatoon Foundation; Department of Culture and Youth Saskatchewan - Youth Employment Program; The YWCA of Saskatoon.

Further Correspondence to: Executive Director,
YWCA,
220 - 24th Street East,
SASKATOON, Saskatchewan.
S7K 0K5

Title: Health Awareness '77 - (Changing Lifestyles of the Adolescent Girl).

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

1. To assist young girls (ages 9 to 13) from low income families to become more aware of themselves and the need of a healthy body and mind.
2. To develop a physical activity program that will motivate her so that the acquisition of a fit body is not only desirable, but attainable.
3. Planned and informal discussion and instruction periods: nutrition, drugs and alcohol, hygiene, health and sexuality, etc.
4. To develop individual and group leadership skills, thereby creating an awareness of themselves as individuals in cooperation with others.

Program was divided into three areas:

1. Nutrition;
2. Fitness;
3. Self-Awareness and Development of Leadership Skills.

Sponsoring Organization: The YWCA of Saskatoon.

Duration: May 16 to August 16, 1977.

Financing: Health Activities Summer Employment Program for Students - Health and Welfare Canada; The Saskatoon Foundation; The YWCA of Saskatoon.

Further Correspondence to: Executive Director,
YWCA,
220 - 24th Street East,
SASKATOON, Saskatchewan.
S7K 0K5

Title: Saskatchewan Federation of Home and School Associations Project.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

To develop a greater awareness among local associations of the types and causes of child abuse and neglect in Saskatchewan. To sensitize delegates of the need to help combat the growing incidence of child abuse and neglect and to initiate a major awareness campaign through home and school members in Saskatchewan. To provide leadership and encouragement to local Home and School Associations in developing sound volunteer programs where required, promote educational programs for parents relating to child abuse and neglect, as well as physical, emotional and intellectual development of children, and where participation is encouraged on lay and government Boards represent parental concerns. The Child Abuse and Neglect Pamphlet "The Child... Everybody's Responsibility", produced and published by Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation, in cooperation with the Department of National Health and Welfare was distributed throughout the province.

Sponsoring Organization: Saskatchewan Federation of Home and School Associations.

Duration: November 1, 1978 to present.

Financing: Saskatchewan Federation of Home and School Associations.

Further Correspondence to: Saskatchewan Federation of Home and School Associations,
Box 70,
HAGEN, Saskatchewan.

OR

516 - 4th Avenue South,
WEYBURN, Saskatchewan.

Title: Parents Anonymous - Saskatoon Chapter.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

To establish a self-help group for parents concerned about their abilities to handle children non-violently. To develop a transportation and baby care service.

Sponsoring Organization: Saskatchewan Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Financing: Saskatchewan Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Further Correspondence to: Mary Cormack,
916 Coppermine Crescent,
SASKATOON, Saskatchewan.

Title: Research into Visiting Practices of Parents of Babies Admitted to Regina Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Status: Approved, but not yet commenced.

Project Description:

Admission to a neonatal intensive care nursery is generally now recognized as one important risk factor in assessing the likelihood of later child abuse. Another predictive factor is whether or not the hospital nurses or social worker express concern over the mother/infant bonding. The evidence for trying to facilitate as much parent/child interaction in the post partum period as possible seems to be fairly compelling, both from the positive standpoint of providing optimal conditions for physical, emotional and cognitive development, and also from the prophylactic standpoint of attempting to prevent later child abuse. Given that such interaction is important it was felt locally that there was not enough parental visiting in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, possibly not enough parent/child interaction during the visits. It was felt that one reason for this might be a lack of available accommodation for out of town parents.

As this was a subjective impression it was felt that before trying to exert any pressure to provide more accommodation and thus facilitate parent/child interaction, and thus indirectly perhaps have some preventative effect on child abuse, it would be important to check whether or not a lack of accommodation was indeed a factor.

It was decided to investigate over the period of one year, the number of visits made to all infants admitted to Regina Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for one week or more and their quality, by staff recording of the amount of parent/child and parent/staff interaction occurring during the visit, and the degree of concern exhibited by the parents. It was at the same time proposed to ask all parents to fill out a simple questionnaire to be sent to them one week after the baby's discharge, to get information about whether they felt they had adequate information about the baby's admission, whether they visited as often as they would have wished, and if not what the reasons were and whether they would have visited more had a residence been available.

The questions to the questionnaire would then, it is hoped, answer the questions as to whether a sizeable proportion of the parents was not visiting because of the lack of accommodation, whether the quality and quantity of parent/child interaction expressed by the parents agreed with that noted by the staff, and thirdly, whether if in the parent's view it was enough, and whether that agreed with the opinion of the staff. Based on the results of these investigations it was felt there should be a clearer idea as to whether or not there was an urgent need to press for local provision of accommodation for the parents of babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and thus indirectly perhaps influence the incidence of child abuse at a later date.

Sponsoring Organization: Regina Child Abuse Prevention Committee.

Duration: September 1979 to September 1980.

Financing: Saskatchewan Council of the International Year of the Child Committee.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. Agnes Gabriel,
Child Psychiatrist,
Child and Youth Services,
Department of Health,
1601 College Avenue,
REGINA, Saskatchewan.
S4P 1B8

Title: What is Child Abuse?

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

This is an ongoing series of lectures with visual-aid directed to students of the Kelsey School of Nursing with the purpose of preparing the graduating nurse for the intricacies of mandated referrals in Suspected Child Abuse, also providing some exposure to the various types of Child Abuse a nurse may be confronted with in her daily work.

Sponsoring Organization: Prince Albert Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and Department of Social Work, Holy Family Hospital, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

Duration: Commenced 1976 - continuing with each new class.

Financing: None.

Further Correspondence to: Ted Hayes (E) R.S.W.,
Director of Social Work,
Holy Family Hospital,
675 - 15 Street West,
PRINCE ALBERT, Saskatchewan.
S6V 3R8

Title: Regina Police Department.

Project Description:

The Department has not developed any specific police program to deal with this area. They do, however, work very closely with existing community resource agencies who have developed specific programs of a relevant nature.

Further Correspondence to: K.C. Walters,
Staff Sergeant,
Planning and Research,
Regina Police Department,
Box 196,
REGINA, Saskatchewan.
S4P 2Z8

Title: Saskatoon Police Department.

Project Description:

With regard to child abuse, the Saskatoon Police Department deals with the problem through its Youth Division and Morality Division. There is a thirty-second public service announcement on television to make the public more aware of the particular offence and to contact our Department or Child Protection Services if they learn of any abuse to children that has taken place.

With regard to domestic complaints of wife beating, when we attend a complaint, and if there are reasonable and probable grounds for the belief that an assault resulting in actual bodily harm has occurred, we arrest the individual in order that continuing offences will not recur and that the accused will face charges in Court. We do not, under these circumstances, ask the wife to lay the charge, as it is an indictable offence, and we lay the charge ourselves.

With regard to domestic complaints of wife beating, the Saskatchewan Police College covers this in basic training for recruits. The Department also covers this in In-Service Training.

Further Correspondence to: John B. Hobman, Sergeant,
Training N.C.O.,
Saskatoon Police Department,
SASKATOON, Saskatchewan.
S7K 3R6

ALBERTA MATERIAL

Title: First Western Canadian Conference on Family Therapy: Clinical Approaches to Work With Families.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

A Western Canadian Conference on Family Therapy was selected by the University of Calgary as the most appropriate medium to achieve the following objectives:

1. To increase opportunities for those involved in family practice in Western Canada to expand their knowledge of available approaches and theories related to work with families.
2. To increase the understanding of participants of the appropriateness, usefulness, problems and differences of selected approaches, and to assist them, where valuable, to integrate their approaches.
3. To disseminate to participants recent innovative field practices in work with families in Western Canada.
4. To improve communication and interaction among practitioners, supervisors and teachers involved in family practice in Western Canada in order to increase resource sharing and to build upon regional competencies.
5. To test the potential for cooperative program planning among Schools/Faculties of Social Work in Western Canada.
6. To test the response of those involved in work with families in Western Canada to participate in opportunities for improving understanding and competencies in their field.

A grant was provided from Health and Welfare Canada to the University of Calgary to conduct an evaluation of the Conference to determine its effectiveness in meeting the objectives, and determine the relevance of such a Conference to practitioners in Western Canada.

Sponsoring Organization: Division of Continuing Education;
The University of Calgary.

Duration: 1977-1978, 1978-1979.

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare
Canada.

Further Correspondence to: Project Director,
Division of Continuing Education,
The University of Calgary,
2920 - 24 Avenue, N.W.,
CALGARY, Alberta.
T2N 1N4

Title: Child Welfare Branch, Alberta Social Services and
Community Health: Child Abuse Projects.

Project Description:

The Child Welfare Branch, Alberta Social Services and Community Health, is mandated to deliver services to children and their families and, therefore, specific funding of research is not undertaken. The protection of children and the subsequent services provided to children and their families are not viewed as the Department's responsibility alone but seen as a responsibility to be shared by the family and the community. Whenever possible, qualified community resources and individuals are encouraged and supported to work in conjunction with the Department in providing services to families.

For the year 1979, the Child Welfare Branch has contracted for twenty-two separate projects, based in the community, to provide a variety of services to children and their families. Each project has agreed to participate in an evaluation which is directed to the monitoring of services and the maintenance of standards. It is anticipated that in the near future measures will be developed to specifically evaluate outcome.

It is impossible to focus on one specific problem (i.e. family violence) without intervening in other problems affecting the family. However, there are two projects which specifically address the issue of violence towards children: the "Child Abuse Project" and the "Family Aide Project", both situated in Calgary. In addition, research has been undertaken to examine the relationship between alcohol and child abuse. (Note: Description of these three projects in Alberta project description submissions).

The Child Welfare Branch has participated in an ongoing review of general protection caseloads, within the Edmonton region, but the review made no specific reference to family violence. The Branch maintains a Child Protection Registry which is capable of generating statistical information and from this a yearly report is produced indicating the number of reports of neglect and abuse for the Province.

Further Correspondence to: O.M. Melsness,
Acting Deputy Minister,
Department of Social Services
and Community Health,
Government of Alberta,
Seventh Street Plaza,
10030 - 107 Street,
EDMONTON, Alberta.
T5J 3E4

Title: Child Abuse and Neglect - Information and Development of Services.

Status: June 1, 1978 - June 1, 1979 (This Submission).

Project Description:

1. To provide written information on child abuse/neglect to the Edmonton child welfare workers, specialized units, and public assistance units, to community agency personnel and to the public.
2. To plan, co-ordinate, and participate in in-service sessions on child abuse/neglect with Alberta Social Services and Community Health (ASSCH) workers, and with community agency personnel.
3. To provide case consultation to ASSCH workers, supervisors and community agency personnel; consultation re: abuse/neglect issues.
4. Identify and facilitate development of service gaps re: abuse/neglect.

Financing: Child Abuse Services; Alberta Social Services and Community Health.

Reports:

1. Booklet entitled "Role of the School in Child Neglect and Abuse" - Gail Will and Betty Swindlehurst.
2. Booklet entitled "Child Abuse and Neglect - Social Work Considerations" (For Child Care Workers).
3. Package of 50 articles on abuse/neglect and 12 articles on sexual abuse for community and ASSCH distribution.

Further Correspondence to: Gail Will,
Child Abuse Services Coordinator,
Alberta Social Services and
Community Health,
South West Edmonton District
Office,
10455 - 80th Avenue,
EDMONTON, Alberta.
I6E 1V1

Title: Child Abuse Project; Alberta Children's Hospital,
Calgary, Alberta.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

To provide through a multi-disciplinary team:

- a) Assessment, treatment and follow-up to families within the following criteria:
 - suspected or known non-accidental physical injury;
 - lack of maternal infant bonding attachment, or failure to thrive (excluding medical conditions);
 - high risk of physical injury.
- b) In consultation to coordinate the activities of various agencies and organizations pertaining to this problem.
- c) To provide up-to-date information on Child Abuse and promote its awareness in the community.

In addition to the team there is an 18-member advisory committee responsible to the board of directors at the Alberta Children's Hospital.

These members are representatives of the Alberta Children's Hospital Board of Directors, Clergy, Government Child Protection, Education, Law, Medicine, Nursing, Police, Public Health, Social Work, Sociology, and the Junior League of Calgary.

The committee, which meets monthly, acts in an advisory capacity to the Child Abuse Program. In addition, a number of sub-committees have been formed. These committees are active in related areas:

1. Community Education - High School and other community groups.
2. Production of a National Newsletter on Child Abuse - now privately funded.

3. Other committees and projects when appropriate, e.g. Drafting of Calgary School Board Policy on Child Abuse, Social Action Committee, etc.

Sponsoring Organization: Alberta Children's Hospital,
Calgary, Alberta; Alberta Social
Services and Community Health.

Duration: Pilot Project 1974-1977 - Ongoing Project 1978 to
present.

Financing: Alberta Health Care Commission; Alberta Social
Services and Community Health.

Further Correspondence to: Co-ordinator,
Child Abuse Program,
Ambulatory Care Centre,
1611 - 29 Street N.W.,
CALGARY, Alberta.
T2N 4J8

Title: Children's Day Care Data Resource Project.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

The project aims to collate the masses of available but disparate information regarding programs for elementary schoolaged children in the morning, at lunch and after school. The focus of the project is on the needs of those children who are left alone after school because of parents who are working or otherwise occupied. The project's final report will include statistical data on the need for after-school programs, the different types of programs available as well as the different resources and facilities that are available to these planning programs and to those programs already in existence.

Sponsoring Organization: The United Way of Calgary.

Duration: May 22, 1979 to August 15, 1979.

Financing: Young Canada Works.

Further Correspondence to: Mrs. E. Gabillo,
Project Manager,
Children's Day Care Data
Resource Project,
United Way of Calgary,
120 - 13 Avenue S.E.,
CALGARY, Alberta.
T2G 1B3

Title: The Effect and Nature of Alcohol Abuse in Cases of Child Neglect.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

This study was undertaken with a concern towards examining a specific set of data - the files of the Child Protection Registry of Alberta - which had the potential of providing valuable information on factors that may be relevant in the understanding of child abuse/neglect.

Despite difficulties with consistency of records from which data was retrieved, the findings allow one to make certain tentative suggestions on the occurrence of child neglect. It would seem that the strains that develop as a result of the disruption of the stable patterns of family organization, and having to raise a child alone, especially when combined with the use and the abuse of alcohol, may increase the probability of neglect occurring.

Duration: 1977-1978.

Financing: Health and Welfare Canada.

Report: "The Effect and Nature of Alcohol Abuse in Cases of Child following Neglect (As Reported in the Child Protection Registry of Alberta).

Further Correspondence to: Val D. MacMurray,
2633 Gaylar Circle,
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah.
U.S.A. 84117

Title: Family Aide Project.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

The Family Aide Project, a demonstration project and accompanying research study, was based on the concept of using volunteer lay therapists ("Family Aides") to assist in the treatment of child abusing families. The project operated in conjunction with, and received all the families it served from, the professional, multi-disciplinary Child Abuse Program Team of the Alberta Children's Provincial General Hospital in Calgary.

The research on the project consisted primarily of an evaluation of the intervention process, outcome effectiveness, feasibility, and practicality of the services provided by Family Aides to abusing families. Within this evaluation, emphasis was placed on examining the processes involved in program development and maintenance, from a qualitative methodological perspective.

Sponsoring Organization: Child Abuse Program Team of the
Alberta Children's Provincial
General Hospital.

Duration: October 1976 to February 1979.

Financing: Health and Welfare Canada.

Report: "Final Report for the Family Aide Project. A
Description and Evaluation of Using Volunteer Lay
Therapists in the Treatment of Child Abusing
Families"

Further Correspondence to: Dr. Jack R. Brummitt,
Division of Community Health
Science,
Faculty of Medicine,
The University of Calgary,
Calgary Health Sciences Centre,
2924 - 24 Avenue, N.W.,
CALGARY, Alberta.
T2N 1N4

Title: Proposal for Evaluation of the Contemporary
Woman: Options and Opportunities Program.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

The purpose of this project is to design a project which will answer questions on the success rates of the Contemporary Woman Approach to delivering social services to single parents on public assistance. The Contemporary Woman Approach is designed to take a holistic approach to the problems and transitions that a female single parent faces.

Sponsoring Organization: Calgary Board of Education.

Duration: 1979-1980.

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare
Canada.

Further Correspondence to: Mrs. Betty L. Garbutt,
c/o Calgary Board of Education,
515 Trail S.E.,
CALGARY, Alberta.
T2G 2N9

Title: Matrimonial Support Failure: Reasons, Profile
and Perceptions of Individuals Involved.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

The purpose of this project was to investigate the relationship between meeting/not meeting support obligations after the breakdown of a marriage, the social and motivational characteristics of the spouses and the characteristics of the original maintenance order awards and of subsequent adjustments/awards.

Sponsoring Organization: Institute of Law Research and Reform; The University of Alberta; and Alberta Social Services and Community Health.

Duration: 1978-1979.

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare Canada.

Further Correspondence to: V.K. Bhardwaj/Vivien Lai,
Institute of Law Research and Reform,
The University of Alberta,
EDMONTON, Alberta.
T6G 2H5

Title: Who Cares? Young People in Care Speak Out.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

Part I - A one-day conference for children in care. The intent is to give these children an opportunity to express to the Minister, to the Director of Child Welfare, and to Social Workers, what it is like to be in care during the International Year of the Child, what changes, if any, they would like to see made, and how the social work profession can best serve them.

Part II - Preparation by a working group of 10 children and 3 adults of a booklet that will present the conference proceedings and findings.

Sponsoring Organization: Alberta Association of Social Workers.

Duration: February 1, 1979 to October 31, 1980 - tentative.

Financing: Alberta International Year of the Child Committee; Canadian Commission, 1979 International Year of the Child; Gulf Canada Resources Incorporated.

Further Correspondence to: Kathleen Kufeldt,
Planning Committee Chairperson,
Faculty of Social Welfare,
University of Calgary,
2920 - 24 Avenue, N.W.,
CALGARY, Alberta.
T2N 1N4

Title: Edmonton Family Court Conciliation Service.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

To provide conciliation counselling for couples referred by courts, lawyers, and legal aid for resolution of marital and family-related problems. It is a short-term, crisis-oriented service for that segment of the population involved in the legal system. Counselling may be aimed at either improving the marriage with a view to reconciliation; or working out problems created by divorce, particularly with regard to children.

In respect to domestic violence, and child abuse, though this is not the primary thrust of the Service, cases do arise where physical abuse is one of the presenting problems in families being counselled. Likewise in the criminal field, where a charge of assault or abuse is laid against a spouse or parent, the judge hearing the case may refer the parties for conciliation counselling prior to or following sentence. In such cases, counselling is designed to be curative and preventive.

Financing: Federally -funded demonstration project 1972-1975; Court-centred service since 1975 - funded by the Government of Alberta.

Report: Final Report to Health and Welfare Canada (1975) - 2 volumes; Evaluation Report by Professors Paterson and Hackler, University of Alberta; 5-year Summary of Operations - 1972-1977; 6-year Statistical Report (to September 1978); Brochures: Counselling Service Related to the Court System; Reference Guide for Lawyers; Do's and Don'ts About Divorce.

Further Correspondence to: Family Court Conciliation Service,
500 Centure Place,
9803 - 102-A Avenue,
EDMONTON, Alberta.
T5J 3A6

Title: The Use of "Expert" Parents for the Care of
"Problem" Adolescents.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

To test, by a feasibility study followed by a demonstration project, the concept of the paid "expert" parent as an alternative method of child care to current foster care programs and institutions for problem adolescents.

A study was made on existing information and on innovative approaches to foster care. The study developed guidelines for the recruiting and training of expert parents, and established criteria for placement and evaluation. The method of expert parents was explored and recommendations made for implementation. These recommendations were implemented in the demonstration phase.

Sponsoring Organization: Feasibility: School of Social Welfare, University of Calgary;
Demonstration: Child Welfare Branch, Alberta Social Services and Community Health.

Duration: Feasibility: July 1972 to September 1972.
Demonstration: April 1974 to March 1977.

Financing: Health and Welfare Canada; Alberta Social Services and Community Health.

Report: Feasibility: "Foster Care Workers: An Experiment in Community Health", by Jim Allison and Stephanie Roberts. University of Calgary, School of Social Welfare, 1972.

Demonstration: "Parent Counsellor Recruitment, Vol. 1, Conclusions and Recommendations", May 1976. "Vol. 2, Appendices", May 1976.

Further Correspondence to:

Feasibility:

University of Calgary,
School of Social Welfare,
2920 - 24th Avenue, N.W.,
CALGARY, Alberta.
T2N 1N4

Demonstration:

Dr. Ed Johnston,
Foster Care Demonstration
Project,
Child Welfare Branch,
Alberta Social Services and
Community Health,
727 - 6th Avenue, S.W.,
CALGARY, Alberta.
T2P 0V1

Title: Family Camp.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

The Family Camp program is designed to assist low income single parent families who are under emotional stress or who have had a previous history of mental health problems.

The camp provides an opportunity for:

- Parents to socialize with other adults;
- children to socialize with other children and other adults (in most instances the presence of a male adult);
- and for families to experience some "fun" times together.

Families are referred to the program by community mental health workers, public health nurses, social workers and doctors.

All camps are staffed by volunteers under the guidance of an experienced camp director. Volunteers are healthy, mature people who are able to relate to campers in a warm friendly and understanding way. The Canadian Mental Health Association provides training workshops to acquaint volunteers with:

- The aims of the camp;
- roles as camp leaders;
- communication and problem solving skills;
- water safety;
- first aid;
- camping skills.

The Camp Program is in a residential camp setting and provides the opportunity for many recreational experiences.

Sponsoring Organization: Canadian Mental Health Association/
North Central Region.

Duration: Commenced in approximately 1974, still active.

Financing: United Way, private donations to camp program,
agency fund raising projects, social assistance
and camp fees based on ability to pay.

Further Correspondence to: Mary Jane McLaughlin,
Direct Services Co-ordinator,
Canadian Mental Health
Association,
201, 10580 - 109 Street,
EDMONTON, Alberta.
T5H 3B2

Title: Children's Play Program.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

The Children's Play Program is for children four to twelve years of age whose parent or parents have had or are having a mental health problem. As a consequence of their home situation, many of the children are experiencing difficulties in socializing, are not aware of community resources or facilities, do not have mentally healthy adult models in their homes and in some instances are economically deprived.

Children in the program are referred by social workers, doctors, community mental health workers and school public health nurses.

The objectives of the program are:

- To provide the children with healthy socializing experiences with other children and adults; and
- to acquaint the children with community resources and facilities.

This program is operated by volunteers, who pick the children up every Saturday.

Upon termination of the program, volunteers try to encourage the children to enroll in activities in their own communities.

Volunteers range from 17 years to 60 years of age.

Sponsoring Organization: The Canadian Mental Health Association/North Central Region.

Duration: Started in approximately 1975, expanded in 1979, presently active.

Financing: United Way, private donations specifically to children's program, and agency fund-raising projects.

Further Correspondence to: Direct Services Co-ordinator,
Canadian Mental Health
Association,
201, 10580 - 109 Street,
EDMONTON, Alberta.
T5H 3B2

Title: Child Abuse/Neglect Workshop.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

The following is a summary of recommendations (in respect to identified needs and services required - or to be developed) of nine study groups at the above seminar.

I Public Education - in respect to child abuse and neglect. All nine groups made recommendations relative to this need.

Strongest support was given to need of educational programs dealing with:

- a) Increasing awareness and understanding of child abuse by the general public. This would as well involve educational programs in the schools, and include:
 1. Information in respect to prevention.
 2. Information on presently-available community resources and services.
 3. Information re-accessing those resources/services.
- b) Education of agencies and professionals directly or indirectly involved in child abuse matters - in all of the aspects under a) above. Relative to this, 4 groups recommended improved and more direct information sharing (minimumization of confidentiality problems and "red tape") among those professionals/agencies directly involved with the consequences and treatment of child abuse situations.
- c) Education within other existing groups/services as: Life Skills Programs, parenting groups/classes, pre-natal classes, pre-marriage classes, etc.

- II Need for a Child Abuse Team - Four groups saw a need for a complete child abuse team; with 3 other groups recommending a partial service as; a coordinator who would facilitate referral to and coordinate service provisions.

Relative to this, several groups stressed the importance and necessity in obtaining cooperation from the medical profession.

Four groups felt the necessary expertise existed in the Lethbridge area.

- III Five groups identified a need for the formation of some form of Volunteer, or Steering Committee, committed to the development of programs and services in respect to Child Abuse. Suggestions as to whether this should be a community-based or interagency committee were about equal.

Some saw this committee as an alternative to a formal child abuse team - with the Committee:

- a) being responsible for developing and providing a resource access information bank;
- b) providing information both for the public and the professionals;
- c) having some involvement in both referral and treatment.

- IV Four groups felt there was a need for the establishment of a Parents Anonymous group in Lethbridge and area, with one specific agency indicating that they would be willing to consider undertaking such a project.

- V Three groups suggested that one Information Agency on child abuse be formed. This was seen as being separate from the Volunteer or Steering Committee idea discussed under III.

- VI Suggestions were also made (by two groups or less) for:

- a) A Crisis line.
- b) Advisory committee of trained professionals.
- c) Extension of programs/services to surrounding rural areas, not just Lethbridge.
- d) Specific educational programs for hospital such as emergency departments.

VII It was agreed that a summary of the recommendations made be circulated to those attending the seminar, and that feedback be requested from interested participants and agencies as to their specific areas of interest and possible involvement in the ongoing development of programs/services, or any other activities related to child abuse.

Further Correspondence to: T. Michael Macklin,
Executive Officer,
Canadian Mental Health
Association,
South Region/Alberta Division,
412 St. Michael's Office
Building,
1412 - 9th Avenue South,
LETHBRIDGE, Alberta.
T1J 4C5

Title: Raising Kids is Hard; When You're Alone... It's Harder.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

Presentation is in the form of a photo-essay - a 12-minute script on tape accompanying 115 slides. Depicted are some of the realities of being alone with a child. A girl, alone and pregnant, must make a difficult decision as to whether she will keep or surrender her child.

The mood created is one of intense reality. Therapists in psychiatric settings have suggested that the production facilitates discussion about resentment, loneliness, and wanting to abandon or injure children.

Proposed audiences: Social Service Workers, Junior High Teachers, unwed mothers, pregnant teens, prenatal classes.

Sponsoring Organization: Terra. The Association for Assistance to Unwed Mothers.

Financing: Alberta Committee, International Year of the Child; an anonymous donor.

Further Correspondence to: Marily Jeske,
Terra. The Association for
Assistance to Unwed Mothers,
9735 - 75th Avenue,
EDMONTON, Alberta.
T6E 1E8

Title: Parents Anonymous, Calgary Chapter.

Status: Demonstration in progress.

Project Description:

Parents Anonymous is a self-help organization for parents who want to improve their relationships with their children. Its objective is to help members cope with the stress of parenting and to develop everyday living skills by looking at choices and alternatives to the methods used which create maltreatment, tension and friction between parent and child.

Sponsoring Organization: Independent, with support from:
Family Life Education Counsel;
United Way; Family Resource Centre,
Alberta Children's Hospital;
Affiliated with Parents Anonymous,
International.

Duration: Ongoing since January 1979.

Financing: Donations from several local organizations.

Further Correspondence to: Linda White,
Chairperson,
Steering Committee,
6608 - 37 Street, S.W.,
CALGARY, Alberta.
T3E 5B9

Title: Edmonton Child Abuse/Neglect Committee" (Formerly the Edmonton Child Abuse Liaison Committee).

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

The Edmonton Child Abuse Liaison Committee, consisting of representatives from the Edmonton Public School Board, Edmonton Separate School Board, Edmonton Social Services, Edmonton Police Department and Edmonton Health Department was appointed in November 1973.

Since that time the Committee has: held a workshop on child abuse for northern Alberta sponsored jointly with the University of Alberta Extension Department; involved personnel working in child abuse on the Committee; attempted liaison with agencies in the city dealing with child abuse; developed a brief and presented this to the Provincial Advisory Committee on Child Abuse of the provincial Department of Social Services and Community Health; and provided educational material and speakers to groups wishing to obtain information on child abuse.

In due course, Committee members became convinced that it would be appropriate for the Child Abuse Services Coordinator to have an Advisory Committee of citizens and representatives of the many agencies concerned with the problem of child abuse in Edmonton. It also seemed appropriate to dissolve the Committee, which had been functioning since 1973, and to establish a new committee with a broader community base.

After dissolution of the Edmonton Child Abuse Liaison Committee, a small care group remained as an Interim Committee in order to facilitate the transition to a new committee. As of June 1979 the new committee is in the process of being formed. To date, there are representatives from over twenty community agencies on the committee which is, at this time, delineating goals and objectives which will lead to the development of a plan of action for the issues which are considered most pertinent.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. R.B. Schmidt,
Interim Chairman,
Edmonton Child Abuse/Neglect
Committee,
Health Department,
The City of Edmonton,
7th Floor, CN Tower,
10004 - 104 Avenue,
EDMONTON, Alberta.
T5J 0K1

Title: Temporary Foster Care: Development of a Model
for Service Delivery.

Status: Phase I nearing completion.

Project Description:

For a substantial proportion of neglected children, "temporary" care becomes extended over a period of years with no evidence of planning on the child's behalf. Indicators of outcomes in temporary foster care are not well developed.

The project comprises three phases:

Phase I - An exploratory-descriptive study of the first years in care for a sample of 38 children aged 6 - 12 years.

Phase II - An exploratory survey of the members of the foster care role-set (using the same sample) in order to illuminate the more crucial aspects of the dynamics of the foster care service.

Phase III - Development and operationalization of a practice model for service delivery in temporary foster care.

Duration: September 1977 to September 1980.

Financing: Killam Pre-Doctoral Scholarship.

Further Correspondence to: Mrs. Kathleen Kufeldt,
Faculty of Social Welfare,
The University of Calgary,
2920 - 24th Avenue, N.W.,
CALGARY, Alberta.
T2N 1N4

Title: Temporary Foster Care: An Alternative Model for Practice.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

This project provides a theoretical framework for foster care practice that pays attention to the implications and effects of separation and change; that re-emphasizes the significance of the natural family; and clarifies role expectations for the components of the new "system" that comes into being when the child enters into foster care. The boundaries of that system are determined by the shared tasks, i.e. the rehabilitation of the natural family and meeting the needs of the child. Out of that framework is suggested an alternative model for practice.

Sponsoring Organization: M.S.W. Project, University of Calgary.

Duration: September 1976 to July 1977.

Further Correspondence to: Mrs. Kathleen Kufeldt,
Faculty of Social Welfare,
University of Calgary,
2920 - 24th Avenue, N.W.,
CALGARY, Alberta.
T2N 1N4

Title: Assessing the Quality of Maternal Behavior.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

Foothills Hospital in Calgary uses a scoring system at delivery to determine the behavior of the mother at birth. When there are indications of maladaptation, the patient is closely observed post-partum, and followed up by public health or by a social worker, as appropriate. The scoring system is based on the Funke-Irby Mother-Infant Interactional Assessment.

Further Correspondence to: Lorna Hood,
Obstetrical Nursing Co-ordinator,
Foothills Hospital,
1403 - 29th Street, N.W.,
CALGARY, Alberta.
T2N 2T9

Title: Edmonton General Hospital Policy on Child Abuse and Neglect.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

The Edmonton General Hospital has had a policy for the last three years that deals with child neglect and abuse cases that are brought to the hospital. The policy provides for a standing committee on child neglect and abuse which meets regularly to discuss cases and to ensure that the policy is enforced.

The aim of the policy is to not only treat the child medically, but to identify, investigate and report the abuse to the proper provincial department. In addition, hospital staff are encouraged to recognize child neglect and abuse problems and to cooperate in assisting the child and the family.

Under this policy attending physicians have several routes open to them:

- a) To report the situation to the Hospital Social Service Department;
- b) to ask a colleague to take over this aspect of the patient's investigation, treatment and the consequences which may follow legally, inclusive of court appearances if necessary;
- c) to ask the Chairman of the Child Neglect and Abuse Committee, who is a pediatrician, to handle the matter.

Should a nurse or any other member of the hospital staff become aware that a situation was not reported, they are responsible for initiating a report through their immediate supervisor, which then goes to the Medical Director of the hospital or, occasionally, to the Director of Social Services. The Medical Director then has the responsibility to contact the particular physician and the Social Service Department so that the procedure for investigating and reporting the neglect or abuse will proceed. The policy and procedure has proved to be efficient and effective.

Further Correspondence to: Miss M. MacDonald,
Director,
Social Services Department,
Edmonton General Hospital,
111 Street and Jasper Avenue,
EDMONTON, Alberta.
T5K 0L4

Title: Parenting for Abusing Parents.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

For parents who have abused or feel they might abuse their children, parents who have difficulties related to disciplining their children, and parents who were abused as children.

1. To provide a supportive atmosphere where parents can share their needs, feelings and concerns, and have an opportunity to explore new ways of dealing with their feelings and of relating to their children.
2. To create an emergency "hot-line" among participants so that they can be of ongoing support to each other.

This program is seen as one resource among many which are needed in a broadly-based program for dealing with child abuse/neglect.

Participants register on their own initiative in response to program publicity (this program is advertised along with a variety of other kinds of preventive programs) and/or by referral from child welfare personnel.

Sessions are guided by a trained group leader with extensive experience in parenting groups, and in particular with families at risk.

Duration: February 1979 to present.

Further Correspondence to: Jan DeWaal,
Family Life Consultant,
Family Life Education Council,
10002 - 103 Street,
3rd Floor,
EDMONTON, Alberta.
T5J 0X2

Title: Family Law Practicum.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

The Practicum is a clinical program for third-year law students in their final semester. The students handle cases in family or juvenile court and provide legal counselling in such areas as divorce, guardianship, juvenile delinquency, child welfare, marriage property, separation agreements, maintenance, and children's rights generally.

Each student enrolled in the Practicum takes an included course in Children and the Law and a weekly seminar in Family Law Practice.

The students are expected to develop research, writing, and lawyering skills, and demonstrate through their case presentation and research project an understanding of the interplay between law, procedure, human relations, governmental and judicial processes, as well as a solid appreciation of the contributions of extra legal disciplines.

Duration: January 1 to April 30.

Report: "A Battered Wife", a video-film case study was produced by a Practicum student and family law client, demonstrating the inadequacies of a number of professionals who attempted to deal with the client's problems; a study of the legal rights of the handicapped in Alberta; student papers dealing with children's law as well as domestic violence.

Further Correspondence to: Professor David Cruickshank,

OR

Professor Diane Pask,
Faculty of Law,
University of Calgary,
CALGARY, Alberta.
T2N 1N4

Title: Edmonton Police Department: Domestic Violence Projects.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

At the present time, the City of Edmonton Police Department does not have any programs relevant to domestic violence other than the normal investigative and operational procedures to handle these types of files and complaints.

However, concern has been expressed about the lack of a child abuse unit and other areas of concern, particularly spouse beating and the mentally handicapped. It is expected that consideration will be furthered in this area in the near future. With the possibility of additional funding for the Police Department, one course of action would include the formation of a child abuse unit.

A member of the Edmonton Police Department is represented on the interim committee of the Edmonton Child Abuse/Neglect Committee and also is quite active in lecturing on the subject and assisting students in the preparation of material.

Further Correspondence to: Inspector J.A. Poss,
c/o Fraud and Commercial Crime
Section,
Edmonton Police Department,
4 Sir Winston Churchill Square,
EDMONTON, Alberta.
T5J 2C2

Title: Calgary Police Service: Domestic Crisis Intervention Unit.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

The Calgary Police Service has established a Domestic Crisis Intervention Unit as a fourteen-month pilot project starting October 1, 1979. The establishment of this Unit followed a period of data analysis and involved a breakdown of domestic calls received by the Service between June 1 and August 31.

Duration: October 1979 - December 1980 (pilot project).

Further Correspondence to: E. Reimer, Deputy Chief,
Bureau of Field Operations,
Calgary Police Service,
316 - 7th Avenue, S.E.,
CALGARY, Alberta.
T2G 0J2

Title: Camrose Police Department: Domestic Violence Projects.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

The Camrose Police Department does not have any programs in operation at this time dealing specifically with the problems of child abuse and domestic violence. However, the Crime Prevention Section and Public Relations Officer co-ordinate various programs which include such problems, and is also a member of a community committee that deals more or less directly with such problems.

The programs which touch on the subject and which are in operation at this time include the "Lady Beware" program, which is sponsored by the local chapter of the Registered Nurses Association, and the "Block Parent Program". A number of the members of the Nurses Association have volunteered their services to assist the police at any time and in any manner they can when called upon by the police in connection with domestic disputes. They make themselves available for counselling spouses and comforting children, etc., and will assist in finding refuge for the family if possible. In addition, they also show films to the public at various gatherings, depicting problems relating to child abuse.

Other organizations which assist in these problems include the Preventive Social Services organization, which includes an Inter-Agency Committee made up of various representatives from local groups interested in the welfare of the community, including the police, doctors, nurses, social service groups, churches, family counselling services, probation officers, etc.

Presently under consideration by the local chapter of the Business and Professional Women's Association is the establishment of a "SAFE" house for victims of domestic assaults and other problems relating thereto. Information is being gathered on this subject and the intention is to proceed with such a program if satisfied of the need.

In addition to the above, the Camrose Police Department, through its Crime Prevention Section, shows various films to the public relating to child abuse and domestic problems. As well, the handling of domestic complaints is taught to police members by way of films and lectures.

It has been the procedure, for some time now, to handle complaints of this nature as delicately as possible, with the main purpose of the police presence at such incidents being to separate the two combatants at the time and allow them to calm down and talk their problems over. If a serious assault has taken place, and the victim will commence a prosecution, the assailant will be arrested and detained in custody. If no charges are apparent, the police, after investigating the incident, will often arrest the assailant to prevent a further breach of the peace and release him (her) when satisfied there is no longer a danger.

Other procedures include the removing of the victim or assailant from the dwelling and locating one or other at some other residence for the night, which could mean taking them to a friend or placing them in a hotel or motel for the night. Often, in such cases, the police will obtain the services of the Nurses Association in looking after the victim and/or children both as to seeking a place of refuge or counselling.

It is noted that in very few cases investigated by this Department are charges laid, and this is due to the reluctance on the part of the victim to proceed in this manner.

Further Correspondence to: E.V. Christianson,
Chief of Police,
Camrose Police Department,
4907 - 49 Street,
CAMROSE, Alberta.
T4V 1N3

Title: Hinton Police Department.

Project Description:

At the present time there are no ongoing projects in the Town of Hinton in regards to domestic violence and child abuse. However, efforts are being made to obtain Preventive Social Services in the town which would benefit the community possibly in this direction.

The policy of the Hinton Police Department with regards to child abuse is that the child is removed and placed in a safe home until the Department of Social Services and Community Health can take over the matter.

In regards to wife beating, the usual policy is that if the woman wishes to leave the home, she is taken either to relatives or to a hotel.

They would like to see Preventive Social Services encouraged in the town, since there is a growing need for experienced trained assistance to deal with most domestic crises.

Further Correspondence to: F.C. Rhodes,
Chief Constable,
Hinton Police Department,
Box 893,
HINTON, Alberta.
TOE 1B0

BRITISH COLUMBIA MATERIAL

Title: Ministry of Human Resources: Child Abuse/Neglect Resources.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

The Ministry of Human Resources, under the Protection of Children Act, is responsible for investigating potential child abuse/neglect situations and ensuring the children involved are cared for. The Ministry's goal is to prevent family breakdown, or to re-unite families where possible.

The Ministry's primary resource to achieve this goal is its field staff of social workers located at 138 local offices throughout the province. To augment the child protection services provided by its social workers, the Ministry last year designated 265 Family Support Workers to provide direct assistance to families in crisis. The Ministry has appointed Family and Child Services Coordinators at its 17 regional offices to coordinate the efforts of local office staff.

In addition to these resources available at all Ministry field offices, other child protection resources have been developed, as follows:

1. Vancouver Child Abuse Team

In March 1975, a Child Abuse Team, composed of four social workers, became operational in Vancouver. It was designed as a support service to social workers, and is responsible for training staff, encouraging resource development, and liaising with the currently existing hospital-based team and other resources. The overall goals of the team were to develop public awareness and to educate and train both professionals and non-professionals in the area of child abuse and neglect.

2. Parent Friend Program

The Vancouver Child Abuse Team initiated and operates a Parent Friend Program which trains and supports "lay therapists" in dealing with abusive parents.

3. High School Education Program

A secondary school education program was started in co-operation with the Junior League of Vancouver in 1976. This program continues to thrive and is geared to the sensitization of adolescents about the problem of child abuse and neglect.

4. Parental Stress Line

The Vancouver Child Abuse Team also started the Parental Stress Line in 1976. This provided for a telephone lay counselling service to give families in crisis a listening ear, as well as referral to professional help when this seemed advisable. This service has been integrated into the Vancouver Crisis Centre.

5. Fraser Valley Child Abuse Team

In January 1978, the Child Abuse Team was extended to serve the Fraser Valley area. The Fraser Valley Child Abuse Team, made up of four social workers, has begun a High School Education Program, and is working closely with Emergency Services to deal with child abuse and neglect in the Fraser Valley.

6. Workshops

The Child Abuse Team is very involved in doing workshops both in Vancouver, the Fraser Valley and around the Province.

7. Provincial Training Package

The Ministry of Human Resources is developing an extensive training course for its social workers in child abuse and neglect. This course will be used all over the Province and will teach social workers, as well as other professionals, the basic skills needed for the identification, assessment, management and treatment of the abusive family.

8. Interministerial Child Abuse/Neglect Policy Handbook

In September 1978, an Interministerial Child Abuse Committee completed the task of writing a manual which describes in detail the role of each Ministry in dealing with child abuse. It includes chapters written by the ministry of Human Resources, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of the Attorney General.

This guidebook will be accompanied by an audio-visual presentation specifically geared to illustrating interministerial co-operation in dealing with abuse and neglect.

9. Zenith Help Line for Children

The Ministry of Human Resources is currently introducing a Zenith Help Line for child abuse and neglect. This 24-hour Province-wide telephone number will provide service for children, families and other citizens to report situations of abuse and neglect, as well as crises or emergencies, involving the protection of children. It is hoped that the Zenith Help Line will act as both a counselling and referral service so that child abuse situations anywhere in the Province will be responded to immediately. Early intervention is a form of prevention, and it is our expectation that the Zenith Help Line will be a valuable addition to British Columbia's protection services.

10. Task Force on Family Violence

The Ministry of Human Resources has been involved in the Task Force on Family Violence which originated following a symposium in the spring of 1976. The symposium made a number of recommendations, one of which was to establish a task force to look at wife abuse and child abuse. The Ministry of Human Resources has been well represented in both fields, and the final report from the task force with this recommendation is to be released by the United Way of the Lower Mainland in the near future.

11. Registry of Complaints

The Ministry's Family and Children's Services Division operates a Registry of Protection Complaints, for use by field staff investigating complaints.

Further Correspondence to: Honourable Grace M. McCarthy,
Ministry of Human Resources,
Government of British Columbia,
Parliament Buildings,
VICTORIA, British Columbia.
V8V 1X4

Title: The Family and Children's Law Commission.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

Inquiry into all aspects of the laws in force in the Province which relate to children and family relationships; into the administration of justice relative to these laws; and into the need for alternative or auxiliary social agencies and services to augment the courts in these matters.

Projects to implement and test proposals for reform.

Sponsoring Organization: Government of British Columbia.

Duration: 1973-1975.

Report: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Reports of the Royal Commission on Family and Children's Law British Columbia, 1974-1975.

Further Correspondence to: Family Law Unit,
Ministry of the Attorney General,
Parliament Buildings,
VICTORIA, British Columbia.

Title: Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (Parents in Crisis Society).

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

Parents in Crisis Society is a self-help organization offering confidential help and support to parents experiencing conflict within the family. Group sessions and activities are run for and by parents under the guidance of volunteer sponsors, who are accountable to the Board of Directors of the Parents in Crisis Society. Groups and Sponsors are provided with guidelines which are designed to ensure that all communities served by P.I.C. receive the same basic services. All Groups and Sponsors are required to establish their own local community-based support systems. Other than these requirements all groups operate as autonomous entities within their own communities.

The principal objectives of the Society and its volunteer Board of Directors are:

- Provide a non-authoritative organization in which parents can be involved anonymously, without fear of judgment, rejection, reprisal or punishment;
- help parents to learn constructive ways of dealing with conflict and emotions within the family;
- help abused and neglected children by acting as a trusted intermediary between parents and those working in a professional capacity;
- assist members of groups to work co-operatively with professionals and other resource people in their own communities and assist group members and children to make the best use of available services.

Sponsoring Organization: British Columbia Parents in Crisis Society.

Duration: 1974 - to present.

Financing: Family and Children's Services, Government of
British Columbia; United Way of the Lower
Mainland.

Further Correspondence to: Gerda Clarke,
Executive Director,
British Columbia Parents in
Crisis Society,
203 - 1120 Austin Avenue,
COQUITLAM, British Columbia.
V3K 3P5

Title: Smithers Parents in Crisis; Terrace Parents in Crisis.

Status: Smithers Group - In formative stages.
Terrace Group - Presently without a sponsor.

Project Description:

Parents in crisis is a provincial self-help organization offering confidential help and support to parents with existing or potential child abuse/neglect problems.

Sponsoring Organization: British Columbia Parents in Crisis Society.

Duration: Terrace P.I.C. Society - September 1976 to June 1978.

Financing: Voluntary Organizations; Ministry of Human Resources Grants to P.I.C. Society in New Westminster, British Columbia.

Further Correspondence to: Rev. and Mrs. J.W. Stokes,
Box 2848,
SMITHERS, British Columbia.
VOJ 2N0

Title: Duncan Parents in Crisis.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

Duncan Parents in Crisis is a self-help, group support organization in which parents can become involved without fear of recrimination, judgment or punishment. It is confidential, first names only are used. The sponsors are trained volunteers, who encourage the parents to help themselves. They reserve the right, with the parents' consent, to enlist help from all available social agencies and professionals, if need arises.

Sponsoring Organization: British Columbia Parents in Crisis Society.

Duration: October 1976 to present.

Financing: British Columbia Department of Human Resources.

Further Correspondence to: Mrs. P.R. Ellis,
R.R. 1,
DUNCAN, British Columbia.
V9L 1N3

Title: Mothers' Time Off.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

The program is a series of self-help and preventive groups for women with child care provided for pre-schoolers. Mothers programs are varied and cover basic child care and homemaking skills, community resources, personal growth and crafts. The subjects are presented very informally through group discussion, guest speakers, films, field trips or taped presentations.

Sponsoring Organization: British Columbia Terrace and District Community Services Society; British Columbia Smithers Community Services Association.

Duration: In Terrace, initiated in November 1974 - present.
In Smithers, initiated by original Terrace co-ordinator in January 1979 - present.

Financing: Community Projects Grant, Ministry of Human Resources.

Further Correspondence to: Flora C. Stokes,
Co-ordinator,
Mothers' Time Off,
Box 2343,
SMITHERS, British Columbia.
VOJ 2N0

Title: The Sparkling Grannies.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

"Sparkling Grannies" function as direct change agents to:

1. Stop child abuse;
2. improve the quality of child care;
3. change the overall family's functioning.

By acting as surrogate grandmothers, the Sparkling Grannies provide mother figures to the parents in the home. Through a combination of mothering, love, casework, and sociological intervention techniques, the grannies aid the parents in effecting change in family lifestyles in order to facilitate better coping with management, marital and child-rearing roles.

Sponsoring Organization: Cranbrook Homemaker Service.

Duration: 1972 to present.

Financing: Ministry of Human Resources, Government of British Columbia.

Report: The "Sparkling Grannies" Louise Stropsky.

Further Correspondence to: Louise Stropsky,
Supervisor,
Cranbrook Homemaker Service,
11E - 14th Avenue South
CRANBROOK, British Columbia.
V1C 2W9

Title: Ishtar Transition House.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

To provide a cost-free crisis accommodation for women and their children who either leave their marital situation voluntarily or by force. Provide one-to-one counselling, referral and advocacy for the women while they are in transition. Provide child counselling and staff intervention in situations deemed to be unhealthy (physically and/or emotionally) for the child. Try to identify cases of child neglect and/or abuse by the parent. Involve other relevant agencies once identification has been made. Staff teaches parents parenting skills, better nutrition and better home management. Staff aims to improve communication and understanding between mother and child. Staff endeavours to show the parent the necessity of consistent discipline, encouragement and self-confidence in raising well-adjusted children. Staff has positively identified that children in abusive families (who are not necessarily abused themselves) act far more aggressively (physically, emotionally, mentally) in peer and adult situations. The primary focus of the Transition House is the women and in aiding them to identify negative patterns in their lives, the necessity of change, how to make those changes and to assist them in exploring the alternatives open to them. Staff provides support and encouragement to the women during this process. The children while an integral part of the "family in crisis" remain, for us, secondary in focus.

Sponsoring Organization: Ishtar Women's Collective Society.

Duration: Ongoing.

Financing: British Columbia Ministry of Human Resources.

Further Correspondence to: Ishtar Transition House,
19900 Brydon Crescent,
LANGLEY, British Columbia.

Title: Identification and Intervention With Families at Risk for Parenting Problems - Project FIND.

Status: Task force completed.

Project Description:

After an initial Survey of Needs and Resources for Families at Risk for Abnormal Parenting showed that 8% of the families of infants born in the Capital Regional District needed specialized help with physical, emotional and social problems. A large community task force was developed to carry out the following:

1. Construct and publish a list of indicators of potential family distress. (A 30-minute $\frac{3}{4}$ inch video-cassette tape was also made of this).
2. Compile and publish a resource manual of Family Services available before and after the birth of the baby.
3. Act on improving or adding new resources to service such families.
4. Prepare an education kit and carry out an in-service education program among the disciplines and agencies servicing these families to make them aware of and to distribute the products of goals listed above in 1 and 2.

Sponsoring Organization: The clearing house project FIND Committee Co-chairman.

Duration: October 1977 to present.

Financing: Absorbed through existing Ministry of Health budgets. Film costs were absorbed by the producers.

Report: Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the In-Service Education Program - in progress.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. J. Ricks,
Integrated Services for Child
and Family Development,
Mental Health Programs of
British Columbia,
1951 Cook Street,
VICTORIA, British Columbia.
V8T 3P7

Title: Survey of Needs of and Resources for Families at Risk for Abnormal Parenting.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

An assessment using an instrument of indicators of possible physical, emotional and social stress among the parents of newborn infants was carried out by the case room and maternity staffs of the three hospitals in the Capital Region for a one-month period. It was found that 8% of these newborns were at risk for abnormal parenting (due mainly to the interference of parental bonding).

A survey of the response network which was available to all the families of the infants and young children in the Region was made and a table developed showing that some services were lacking, were insufficient or poorly linked and utilized in the referral network.

A 30-minute $\frac{3}{4}$ inch video-cassette tape was made in 1978 by researchers for in-service education of maternity nurses and others to illustrate the use of the indicators for diagnosis of those Families at Risk for Abnormal Parenting (see report elsewhere).

This initial study was presented to a Community Task Force which undertook some further follow-up which is reported as a separate study. (Principal researchers: K. Ledger, R.N., B.Sc., D. Williams, R.N. B.Sc. under the supervision of Gayle Spence, R.N. B.Sc.).

Sponsoring Organization: Saanich Mental Health Centre;
Mental Health Programs of the
Province of British Columbia,
102 - 4475 Viewmont Avenue,
VICTORIA, British Columbia.
V8Z 6L8

Duration: June 1977 - October 1977.

Financing: Work in Government - Student Aid Program; British Columbia Ministry of Labour, Mental Health Programs; British Columbia Ministry of Health.

Further Correspondence to: Saanich Mental Health Centre,
102 - 4475 Viewmont Avenue,
Report available from: VICTORIA, British Columbia.
V8Z 6L8

Title: A Self-Help Group for Indian Reserves/Vanderhoof,
British Columbia Child Welfare Committee.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

This group is presently in existence at a local reserve near Vanderhoof, British Columbia. It was developed by a Child Welfare Committee consisting of elected Band Counsellors, Band Elders, parents and other band members, as well as representatives from the Department of Indian Affairs and the British Columbia Ministry of Human Resources.

The development of this committee had its roots in the fact that the Vanderhoof office of the British Columbia Ministry of Human Resources has always attempted to work through band administration officials during all protection of children matters. However, it was necessary to formally integrate other band members into this group so that it more fully represented the average band member.

The need for such a group was made obvious by the numbers of native children in care. However, its development was also the result of the realization that alcoholism and child abuse/neglect was not an individual or isolated family problem. It is a community problem and is most often related to the social situation of that community. The creation of employment opportunities, education upgrading and improved housing cannot be achieved by working with individuals in a crisis nor can the general apathy and apparent lack of motivation be affected by conventional social work.

More importantly, this committee worked from the premise that a native social worker would be more effective because of the many cultural and historical barriers between middle class, university trained, urban raised caucasian workers and the average native Indian. It is strongly believed that given the proper direction and training, the Indian people can and will begin to take over their own social services and find their own solutions in their own culturally unique fashion.

The thrust of the committee is towards transferring the responsibility and authority for problem solving from outsiders (i.e. white social workers) to the people who have the problem (the Indian people of the reserve). Inadequate

and fragmented solutions imposed upon the community from outsiders are given up in favour of problem solving by a local, indigenous self-help group. The social worker gradually changes from being part of the problem to being part of the solution. Through this committee, emphasis is placed on beginning to work with the reserve's strengths and sharing authority rather than imposing it.

Further Correspondence to: Randy Diehl,
Field Services,
British Columbia Ministry
of Human Resources,
Drawer 830,
VANDERHOOF, British Columbia.
VOJ 3A0

Title: Domestic Crisis Intervention: Citizen's Requests for Service and the Vancouver Police Department Response.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

In this study, the first baseline data gathering exercise for the evaluation of family crisis intervention, the findings have been consistent with those reported in the literature. Like other police forces, the Vancouver Police Department has a considerable amount of its time and resources devoted to requests and service calls of a strictly non-criminal nature. Like other police forces, it responds in a not too consistent fashion, answering about half of the requests made of it with the dispatch of a patrol car. Here as elsewhere, the low probabilities of dispatch reflect the fact that the public often perceive incidents as requiring police action while the police do not.

In domestic disputes it is often the perception of one of the disputants that the behavior of the other has overstepped the bounds of "acceptable" abuse and violence that precipitates the call for police intervention. It is because domestic interpersonal behaviors are regulated by what Ludman refers to as relational rules, for which there are no universal standards, as opposed to civil-legal rules, the infractions of which are clearly discerned, that no hard and fast guidelines for clearly establishing what is a police matter can be drawn.

It will be a concern of the ensuing evaluation to monitor changes over time in the police modes of response as a result of family crisis intervention training, and particularly to evaluate the degree to which the police utilize community resources in those instances where they do not recognize a need for their involvement but where, nevertheless, the public requires assistance and referral.

Financing: Solicitor General of Canada; The United Way of the Lower Mainland.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. Donald G. Dutton,
West Coast Social and Behavioural
Research Enterprises
1975 McNicoll Avenue
Kitsilano Point,
VANCOUVER, British Columbia.
V6J 1A7

Title: Residential Treatment Centre for Abusive Families.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

The intent of this project is to establish a residential treatment facility to provide secondary preventive and therapeutic services to families where serious physical abuse of infants and toddlers is a problem. This residence is the first of its kind in Canada, and is based on models established in Denver, Colorado, and in Oxford, England. The Canadian model will be unique, however, in its approach in treating both parents (i.e. both the abuser and the silent partner), as well as in its residential structure.

Sponsoring Organization: Parent and Child Therapy Society.

Duration: 3 years.

Financing: Health and Welfare Canada; Vancouver Foundation; Variety Club.

Further Correspondence to: Ms. Margo Buck, Project Director,
Residential Treatment Centre for
Abusive Families,
c/o Lower Mainland Parent and
Child Therapy Society (PACT),
233 West 15th Avenue,
VANCOUVER, British Columbia.
V5Y 1Y1

Title: Area Developmental Project.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

Vancouver agencies were of the view that their services were ineffective in dealing with multi-problem families due to overlapping, fragmentation, and lack of focus on the total family unit.

The purpose of the demonstration was to test if one trained worker providing a variety of integrated services to a small selected caseload of multi-problem families would be more effective in reducing dependency than the traditional approach of different agencies meeting specific service needs of families.

Caseloads of multi-problem families were selected from a particular geographic area of Vancouver and an office was established in the general area to make services as accessible as possible. A control caseload of matched families from a similar area was selected for comparative purposes. Each worker had a small caseload (less than twenty families) and his/her task was to deal on an intensive basis with all their service needs.

On the overall caseload, the improvement in social functioning during the period of the project was not significantly different from that of the control caseload. Some significant improvement resulted in several caseloads and this appeared to be related to the competence of the case-worker rather than to the approach used.

Sponsoring Organization: British Columbia Department of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement; United Community Services of Greater Vancouver (in cooperation with Community Agencies).

Duration: September 1964 to June 1967.

Financing: Foundations and private funds; United Community Services of Greater Vancouver; Department of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement, Province of British Columbia; Department of National Health and Welfare.

Report: The Red Door: A Report on Neighbourhood Services by Audrey Selander, Margaret Mitchell, Douglas Purdy, and W.A.J. Armitage. United Community Services: Vancouver, 1968, 140 pp.

Further Correspondence to: The Executive Director,
United Community Services of
Greater Vancouver,
VANCOUVER, British Columbia.

Title: Use of Welfare Aides in the Children's Aid Society of Vancouver.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

1. To develop a detailed analysis of the functions of the agency caseworker to whom a generalized caseload is assigned, and the ranking of the tasks of such a caseworker according to the degree of professional judgment and autonomy required in the performance of the tasks.
2. To use the set of rankings to define two or more levels of responsibility which may be assumed by welfare aides.
3. To assess the influence of the age of the welfare aide to different levels of responsibility on the quality and quantity of agency service to individual cases, and the influence of the age of the welfare aide on her performance of a variety of tasks. (Principal researchers: John Crane, Louis Reimer, Susan Poulos).

Sponsoring Organization: Children's Aid Society of Vancouver, 1675 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia. V6J 2A3

Duration: 1967-1968, 1969-1970.

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare Canada.

Report: An Experiment in the Deployment of Welfare Aides by John Crane, Louis Reimer, and Susan Poulos. Research Department, Children's Aid Society of Vancouver, June 1970, 55 pp. plus appendices.

Title: Family Life Education Project.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

Family Life education programs were not effective with many lower socio-economic families. The chances for success in school of economically and culturally deprived children was significantly lower than for other children. Community services were not very effective in respect to these problems.

The purpose of the demonstration was to show that adult education programs, in conjunction with Head Start programs for children, can contribute substantially to the enrichment of family life, to the prevention of breakdown and to the sustained improvement of children's success in school.

The project integrated services of the neighbourhood-based social service agency with the enrichment and pre-school programs of the local elementary school. About 1800 families were divided into two different programs. In one program, the mothers observed the nursery school experience of their children, and participated in discussion groups which would encourage their support of the children's learning experience in school. The second program provided discussion groups and group therapy for parents, to aid them in their utilization of community resources.

Programs were offered as planned, with the participation of families in 20 groups. Community response was encouraging and the school system offered much support and co-operation. Vancouver School Board has incorporated the project into their ongoing service.

Sponsoring Organization: Family Service Centres of Greater Vancouver; Community Education Services in the Vancouver School Board.

Duration: September 1972 to March 1975.

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare
Canada; Vancouver School Board.

Report: Summary Report for Third and Final Year of
Project Entitled: Family Life Education Project:
A three-year demonstration program to strengthen
low-income and single parent families in their
ability to utilize school and community resources
for the development of a viable family life. By
Virginia Dunn-Greene. June 1975.

Further Correspondence to: Executive Director
Family Service Centres of
Greater Vancouver,
1616 West 7th Avenue,
VANCOUVER, British Columbia.

Title: Child Separation in British Columbia - An Epidemiological Analysis.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

To gain a fuller understanding of the variables associated with and leading to child separation. This is further to previous research which identified geographic areas and population groups within British Columbia which manifest different rates of child separation. (Principal researchers: K. Douglas Matheson and Davis C. Neave).

Sponsoring Organization: British Columbia Department of Social Welfare (now the Department of Human Resources), Parliament Buildings, VICTORIA, British Columbia.

Duration: 1968-1969, 1970-1971.

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare Canada.

Report: Child Separation in British Columbia by K. Douglas Matheson and Davis C. Neave. Department of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement, Victoria, March 1971, 117 pp. plus appendices.

Title: Project Toddler.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

A demonstration program for child abusing or neglecting families and their toddler children. Preschool teachers were primary therapists, and worked with both families and the children, who had an enrichment program four hours daily.

A pool of families, who were all being supervised by the Catholic Children's Aid Society under the Protection of Children Act, were randomly divided into experimental and control groups. The experimental group received the two-year program of work with families and enrichment for the toddlers. Experimental and control groups have been compared initially and at two and five-year intervals.

Sponsoring Organization: The University of British Columbia.

Duration: April 1, 1972 - March 31, 1974 Demonstration Project. Evaluation ended March 31, 1978.

Financing: Health and Welfare Canada.

Reports:

1. Project Toddler: 10 000 miles to go, Canada's Mental Health, 24(4), 1976, 20-35.
2. Reaching Child Abusers through Target Toddlers, Victimology, 2, 1977, 310-316.
3. Project Toddler: A drop in the bucket? D.E.C. (U.S.) publication Family Interactions of Handicapped Children, in press, 1979.

Further Correspondence to: P.S. Stephenson,
717 West 10th Avenue,
VANCOUVER, British Columbia.
V5Z 1L6

Title: Laser Education Media Society.

Status: Film completed.

Project Description:

A film entitled "The Mysterious Child" has been completed and is designed to be a guideline and educational tool for teachers, police and social workers to assist in identifying victims of child abuse.

Further Correspondence to: Linda Stunnel,
Laser Educational Media Society,
4544 Union Street,
BURNABY, British Columbia.
V5C 2Y1

Title: Taking Responsible Action for Children and Youth
(TRACY).

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

TRACY of British Columbia, as an "umbrella" organization, co-ordinates and promotes the activities of numerous groups and individuals interested in meeting the needs of children and youth. To these ends, TRACY seeks to: provide a focus for children's concerns and to promote community involvement in dealing with these concerns; act as an advocate in supporting a position on ethical, legal, health and social issues in relation to children; assist in the co-ordination and promotion of comprehensive services for the unmet needs of children and youth; and interpret the concept of trusteeship of parenthood and the importance of the early years of life.

TRACY is a province-wide, voluntary organization, which grew out of the former Children's Aid Society. Since its inception in 1974, TRACY has emerged as an organization working to promote awareness of the needs of children and youth. As such, it is not involved in direct treatment but rather in encouraging the development of resources in both governmental and private sectors. Current issues of concern include children and the law, child abuse and exploitation, children's day care, and maternal and child health.

In 1978, TRACY retained the Social Planning and Research services of the United Way to undertake on their behalf an exploratory study of the sexual exploitation of children. TRACY was aware of a growing concern among social agencies, law enforcement officers, street workers and others, about the increasing numbers of juvenile prostitutes on Vancouver streets and the use of children in pornography.

The design of this study includes a review of all published and unpublished reports, interviews with key individuals involved in the area and interviews with juveniles on the street. The purpose of the study is to attempt to explore a wide variety of questions related to the nature and extent of sexual exploitation. For example, what is the magnitude of the problem? What is the extent to which it is "organized" and integrated with other deviant behavior? What are the characteristics of boys and girls being sexually exploited, in terms of family background, personalities,

attitudes towards self and others etc.? Just how are the children recruited, exploited and controlled? What are the federal and provincial laws addressing exploitation of children, and how often and in what way are they enforced? What preventive, regulative and rehabilitative measures or programs exist to deal with the children and how successful are they?

Duration: 1974 to present.

Further Correspondence to: Bruce R. Levens,
Project Director,
United Way of the Lower Mainland,
1625 West 8th Avenue,
VANCOUVER, British Columbia.
V6J 1T9

Title: Chesterfield House, Preventative Child Abuse Project.

Status: Completed, but ongoing.

Project Description:

Chesterfield House was begun in August 1975 by three sponsoring groups: Junior League of Greater Vancouver, St. John's Anglican Church of North Vancouver and Family Services of Greater Vancouver.

The purpose was to provide Parents in Crisis groups for parents who had been identified by the community as abusive or who identified themselves as abusive or potentially so.

The project is co-ordinated by a social worker who leads the groups with the assistance of a co-leader.

The aim is to give ongoing emotional support to parents in group time. Between groups parents can contact social worker, co-leader or other group members when feeling under severe stress with children. The social worker also becomes involved in specific counselling for individuals or families, and acts as an interpreter of social service networks so parents can use appropriate services.

Children are cared for during group time by a trained pre-school teacher who is also available for twice-weekly drop-off child minding. The goal is to give parents a break and to offer a play experience for the children.

There is also a volunteer program which entails matching a volunteer to a parent in a "friend" relationship. The volunteer acts as an additional support system for the parent and also helps parents practise developing a friendship.

The expectation is that parents need to remain in the program approximately six months for positive improvement. A study of Chesterfield House was done by the Social Planning and Research Committee of United Way of Greater Vancouver in 1978.

Sponsoring Organization: Currently North Shore Family Services Society.

Financing: August 1975 - May 1979 funding supplied by the Junior League of Greater Vancouver; currently the project is continuing on funds raised by the project's committee.

Further Correspondence to: Co-ordinator,
Chesterfield House,
819 Chesterfield
NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.
V7M 2M8

Title: Professional Development Associates (family violence).

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

Teachers in British Columbia are now legally responsible for reporting suspected cases of child abuse and neglect. In addition, in some rural, remote, and/or isolated communities the teacher is the only provider of "social services".

Teachers are concerned about their limited knowledge of these issues, and want to develop their capacity to respond effectively.

The Division of Professional Development of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation works with a group called Professional Development Associates. These outstanding practising teachers take additional training in leadership skills, workshop design, and assist other teachers by delivering workshops, providing consulting services, conducting problem-solving/planning seminars, arranging for follow-up.

Six associates with a special interest in child abuse were identified. The Vancouver Child Abuse Team conducted a one-day trainer's workshop for the associates. Materials and moral support have been supplied by the United Way Task Force on Family Violence. The associates are now available to respond to a variety of teacher demands in this field of concern.

Sponsoring Organization: British Columbia Teacher's Federation.

Duration: January 1979 to present.

Financing: BCTF member fees.

Further Correspondence to: Elaine Darnell,
Professional Development,
British Columbia Teacher's
Federation,
2235 Burrard Street,
VANCOUVER, British Columbia.
V6J 3H9

Title: Davie Street Project, Vancouver British Columbia.

Status: In process.

Project Description:

Efforts by a Neighbourhood House to present some selected options to young people living in, or frequenting a downtown area in Vancouver. The exploitation of underage children is one of the identified concerns. A team of five, over a three-month period will attempt educational, vocational, recreational alternatives by street work and use of resources.

Sponsoring Organization: Gordon House Neighbourhood Services.

Report: Informal description and results.

Further Correspondence to: Unit Director,
Gordon House Neighbourhood
Services,
1068 Davie Street,
VANCOUVER, British Columbia.
V6E 1M3

Title: Juvenile Court Duty Counsel Project.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

To investigate the need for Duty Counsel in Juvenile Court and the seriousness of this need, and to show the necessity for such service.

Sponsoring Organization: Legal Aid Society of British Columbia.

Duration: May 1, 1978 to April 30, 1979.

Financing: Legal Aid Society of British Columbia.

Report: To be completed August 1979.

Further Correspondence to: Mr. James F. McLaughlin,
Legal Aid Society of
British Columbia,
195 Alexander Street,
2nd Floor,
VANCOUVER, British Columbia.
V6A 1N3

Title: Child Abuse: Assessment and Management of Families at Risk During the Perinatal Period (an instructional program for professionals).

Status: Videotape completed; Program manual nearing completion.

Project Description:

A set of instructional materials outlining the process of early identification and essentials of follow-up care for the family "at risk" for child abuse and neglect, during the perinatal period. This is achieved through 5 units of study:

Unit I	Dynamics of Child Abuse and Neglect;
Unit II	Assessment of Families at Risk;
Unit III	Early Intervention for the Family at Risk;
Unit IV	Community Follow-up for the Family at Risk;
Unit V	Improving Hospital and Community Programs for High Risk Management

1. A 30-minute 3/4" colour videotape cassette entitled: "Child Abuse: Nursing Assessment of Families at Risk". The videotape focuses on the in-hospital assessment process for identifying the family at risk. This is achieved through illustrating 4 family situations, 3 of which demonstrate warning signs of high risk status. A model for sharing and assessment of this data is shown in a nursing conference on one of these families.
2. Instructors Manual: contains detailed lesson plans for each Unit, including: pre-study and supplementary references, handouts, transparencies, a variety of written and experiential learning activities, program and self evaluation tools.

Sponsoring Organization: Developed independently by:
Karen B. Ledger, R.N., B.S.N.,
Daphne L. Williams, R.N., B.S.N.

Financing: Developed without funding, with the assistance of Victoria General Hospital and Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, British Columbia.

Further Correspondence to: Williams and Ledger,
(Including placing R.R. 7,
advance orders) Verona Crescent,
VICTORIA, British Columbia.
V8X 3X3

Title: Institute of Human Growth.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

The Institute of Human Growth is a program concerned with improving the quality of human life by assisting expecting parents and parents of young children up to the age of five years. This program offers discussion groups dealing with reassurance, guidance and exchange of ideas on child rearing. Professional guidance is available on request or as needed either from the local Mental Health Centre or from other resources in the community.

Children are under the supervision of Activity Workers, while their parents join in the group discussions in other areas of the building.

Another program provides the opportunity for group play for children, and the mothers are asked to assume, under the guidance and with the assistance of the activity workers, the responsibility for child supervision. If desired, mothers may participate in crafts programs for either the first or the second half of the morning, thus sharing the responsibility for child supervision. The reason for this part of the program is that mothers of infants and very young children often feel inadequate with other children simply because they haven't had any experience with them.

The program maintains an "open door" policy regarding participation. No formal referral is required, nor anyone is asked to justify their attendance, since every session is more or less standing on its own. Users can come as often, as regularly, or as the need would so indicate.

Sponsoring Organization: Nanaimo Branch of the Canadian
Mental Health Association and the
Nanaimo Mental Health Centre.

Duration: 1972 to present.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. Giuseppe Multari,
Child Psychologist,
Nanaimo Mental Health Centre,
285 Prideaux Street,
NANAIMO, British Columbia.
V9R 2N2

Title: Feasibility Study on Parent-Infant Bonding.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

A preliminary research project to determine the feasibility of a major prospective study of the development of parental attachment. In the major project the normal development of parental attachment was studied. Patterns of attachment related to parenting disorders (including child abuse) were also examined. In the feasibility study, techniques for studying the development of parental attachment were developed and field tested in one hospital setting to determine their wider applicability.

Sponsoring Organization: Department of Psychology;
University of British Columbia.

Duration: July 1, 1977 - March 31, 1978.
April 1, 1978 - June 30, 1978.

Financing: Research Programs Directorate, Health and Welfare
Canada.

Further Correspondence to: Dr. Tannis McBeth Williams,
Department of Psychology,
University of British Columbia,
VANCOUVER, British Columbia.
V6T 1W5

Title: Wife Battering: A Review and Preliminary Enquiry into Local Incidence, Needs and Resources.

Status: Completed.

Project Description:

To assist in developing adequate programs for wives of alcoholics or problem drinkers who are subjected to physical abuse and assault through a review of programs, treatment modes and needs and an estimation of the degree and severity of the battered wife problem.

1. To determine the number of women who are victims of the "battered wife syndrome".
2. To review the literature and explore particularly the link between alcohol abuse and intra-family violence.
3. To review and assess currently available resources such as 24-hour emergency shelters, medical facilities, psychiatric counselling, self-help groups, family planning clinics, family counselling, job training, legal sanctions, and child protection.
4. To provide baseline data for the development of services responsive to identified needs of the battered wife.
5. To assess the feasibility of a demonstration project to develop and evaluate new service modes.
6. To convene a workshop of appropriate agencies, professions and clients to seek implementation of appropriate and relevant program recommendations.

Sponsoring Organization: Social Policy and Research Department of the United Way of Greater Vancouver.

Financing: Non-Medical Use of Drugs Directorate, Health and Welfare Canada; United Way of Greater Vancouver.

Report: "Wife Battering: A Review and Preliminary Enquiry into Local Incidence, Needs and Resources". Joanne Downey and Jane Howell. September 1976.

Further Correspondence to: Health Promotion Directorate,
Health and Welfare Canada,
Jeanne Mance Building,
Tunney's Pasture,
OTTAWA, Ontario.
K1A 1B4

Title: Vancouver Police Department Domestic Violence Projects.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

The Vancouver Police Department is not engaged in any projects pertinent to the management of domestic violence at the present time. They do, however, have several programs which have been established for some time.

1. Police Liaison Social Workers: For the past three years the Ministry of Human Resources has provided the Vancouver Police Department with two social workers. These social workers work directly from the police station and receive reports from police officers on situations which require social work intervention (e.g. family disputes, child neglect, etc.). The Police Liaison Social Worker ensures that the appropriate resource handles the situation and reports back to the police officer on the outcome of the case he/she has referred. Over 1200 referrals are received by Police Liaison Social Workers every year.
2. Car 86 and 87 Mobile Social Service Units: From 8:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m., seven days per week, a police officer and a social worker team up to provide emergency intervention during domestic disputes. The social worker has many resources at his/her disposal on an emergency basis (e.g. transition houses, foster homes) and will use these to alleviate a particularly violent situation. They work out of a police car and are available to the whole force by just asking for "Car 86". Follow-up is arranged the next day by social workers on all cases referred to them. This program has proved so successful that a second car has been added, "Car 87". This car contains a psychiatric worker from the Mental Health Services and offers a further option to the police in dealing with domestic problems.
3. 52 Water Street: This is an office of the Ministry of Human Resources involved in family crisis intervention and children in conflict with the law. Two police constables are assigned to this office and are employed 8:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m., Tuesday through Saturday inclusive, on a weekly basis. Their main

role is the apprehension of children who are in conflict with the provisions of the British Columbia Protection of Children's Act.

Further Correspondence to: Sergeant M.J. Farren,
Staff Development/Training,
Vancouver Police Department,
312 Main Street,
VANCOUVER, British Columbia.
V6A 2T2

Title: Victoria Police Department.

Project Description:

The Department has no specific program in the area of domestic violence, however the Community Services Section does maintain a file of resource information on this topic. They have participated in panel discussions concerning domestic violence at which the role of the police is explained and the legal action those involved can undertake. Police Department members receive extensive training in crisis intervention at the British Columbia Police Academy. In addition, battered women are referred to the Victoria Women's Transition House.

Further Correspondence to: J.F. Gregory,
Chief Constable,
Victoria Police Department,
625 Fisgard Street,
VICTORIA, British Columbia.
V8W 1R7

Title: District of Oak Bay Police Department.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

The District of Oak Bay Police Department employs the knowledge and expertise of the Department of Human Resources in situations where domestic violence is on a continuing basis or when members of the Police Department exhaust all avenues to resolve a given situation. A second alternative is the Family Court System. They have found that in the past this form of approach is satisfactory for the needs of the community.

At this time, they do not have a program or project for their members for this diverse nature of complaint, but depend on common knowledge and the officer's experience. Presently members of this Department are attending the British Columbia Police College, where this type of training is a prerequisite for promotion.

Further Correspondence to: I.B. Bailey,
Chief Constable,
District of Oak Bay Police
Department,
1703 Monterey Avenue,
VICTORIA, British Columbia.
V8R 5V6

Title: Port Moody Police Department.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

Although the Port Moody Police Department does not have a program relevant to domestic violence, they do recognize the serious risk in the management of domestic violence and the need for adequate training of police officers having to deal with the problem. All members of the Department receive basic, as well as in-service training, at the British Columbia Police Academy, where much emphasis is placed on domestic crisis intervention. In addition, they work in close liaison with other government agencies such as the Ministry of Human Resources.

Further Correspondence to: L.A. McCabe,
Chief of Police,
Port Moody Police Department,
2718 St. Johns Street,
PORT MOODY, British Columbia.
V3H 2B7

YUKON MATERIAL

Title: Yukon Department of Human Resources: Child Abuse Projects.

Status: Developmental Phase.

Project Description:

The Department of Human Resources, in conjunction with the Yukon Committee for the International Year of the Child, recently sponsored a Child Abuse Seminar which brought together representatives of the legal, medical, educational and social work professions. A common understanding of the problem of child abuse was reached and, more importantly, a commitment was made to plan for the development of appropriate treatment and preventive services. To this end, on-going communication has occurred with community and professional groups and identification of needs and gaps in service are being identified.

The Department of Human Resources is considering the desirability of identifying a specific senior social work staff member in Whitehorse as the worker who would be responsible for Departmental services in cases of child abuse, and will probably move in this direction within the near future.

In another area, a community group has recently been successful in obtaining funds for a Transition House and it is anticipated that this will fill a definite need re: a place of safety and care for those needing help from domestic violence situations.

Further Correspondence to: James Davie,
Director of Human Resources,
Department of Human Resources,
Government of Yukon,
Box 2703,
WHITEHORSE, Yukon.
Y1A 2C6

Title: The Yukon Youth Centre - A Village for Children.

Status: Ongoing.

Project Description:

Children from an unhappy and unstable home environment are accepted into a family at the Children's Village which is similar to a foster home setting except that seven to nine children, boys and girls under fourteen years of age, are welcomed into each home.

Children come to the Village until they are old enough and mature enough to be on their own. They only leave the Village if the parents have proven themselves to be rehabilitated and able to care for the children, although this change does not happen very often. The Village is out of town on a farm and the children learn to care for animals and help in the running of the farm. They attend local schools, and are, in effect, given a home and family in place of the one that has failed.

Sponsoring Organization: The Yukon Youth Centre - A Village for Children.

Financing: Donations from individuals, companies and foundations, living allowance for some children from Department of Indian Affairs.

Further Correspondence to: John Evans,
Village Manager,
The Yukon Youth Centre -
A Village for Children,
Box 4331,
WHITEHORSE, Yukon.
Y1A 3T5

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES MATERIAL

Title: Northwest Territories Department of Social
Services.

Project Description:

The Department of Social Services, which is relatively young, has not undertaken any research or demonstration projects relative to child abuse. It appears to us that the incidence of child abuse (in the traditional sense of the term) is negligible. The main concern at this point has been to enhance and develop our services to neglected children and their families.

With respect to domestic violence, a statement concerning this aspect of services is not available at this time, as they are not particularly well defined in the program.

Further Correspondence to: G.K. Stangier,
Director,
Department of Social Services,
Government of the
Northwest Territories,
YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T.
X1A 2L9

Title: Mothers and Tots Drop-in Centre.

Status: In progress.

Project Description:

This project is a three-year demonstration in Yellowknife to provide recreational and developmental services for pre-school children and parent services such as respite for mothers, parent effectiveness training, etc.

Duration: 3 years (ongoing - as at August 1979).

Financing: National Welfare Grants, Health and Welfare Canada.

Further Correspondence to: Irene Stilwell,
Mothers and Tots Drop-in Centre,
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